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Arc 11: Clearing the Tower of Sunrise

Chapter 157: Guild's special

The next morning,

Lela took us to the adventurers guild.

It's because the collecting of magic stones has already been requested by the adventurers guild.

It seems to be pretty much necessary to go through the adventurers guild.

「I welcome you, Lela-sama. Please come in.

What kind of business do you have today?」

The receptionist onee-san greeted us.

「It's about the request of collecting magic stone that I've requested before.」

「I'm sorry but we haven't found suitable adventurers. Please wait a little more.」

「No, I've brought these people because they will be receiving the request.」

「Thank you very much.

Well then, please present your【Guild Identification】for validation.」

Aya, Elena and I presented our【Guild Identification】as instructed by the receptionist onee-san, Hilda didn't try to present hers.

「You don't have a【Guild Identification】, Hilda?」

「Y-, yes.」

Hilda had not been registered as an adventurer, huh.

「Excuse me, could you register this child while you're at it?」

「I'm very sorry but this child seems to be a slave.....」

「N?

Does it mean that a slave can't register in the guild?」

「Yes.」

It can't be helped if it's the rules.

After a while, the receptionist onee-san came back apologetically.

「I'm very sorry, since your adventurer's guild rank is『D』, you can't take on this job.」

「N? Is there a problem if Seiji's guild rank is『D』?」

「If your rank is『D』, you will not be permitted to enter the tower of sunrise. You must at least be『C』rank.」

「It's fine if it's Seiji, I can vouch for him.」

「I'm sorry but it's the rule.」

Hm, we've got a problem. If it's like this I would've raised our ranks seriously.

If I remember correctly, our ranks should rise if we turn in orc tusks—

I forgot, I sold them as meats without taking the tusks.~

Though it's a long-awaited dungeon, I hate not being able to get in.

I have to do something!

Let's try to consult with the receptionist onee-san.

「How can I raise my rank quickly?」

「Even if you say quick,

in order to rise into C rank, you need to accumulate 300 guild points.

If there's a subjugation proof of a strong monster, I think that it may earn you a lot of points in its own way but.....」

「Ah, if that's the case, I have a『Goblin Prince』here.

How about it? 『Goblin Prince』.

How many guild points will I get?」

「Haa?」

「I think that the Goblin Prince is a strong monster in its own way, is the guild points insufficient?」

「Is that so!?

If you say it to that extent, please turn in the subjugation proof!!」

Hm? What are you getting angry about?

「Uh, where should I turn it in?」

「Here, right now!!」

「Well then, I'll take it out.....」

If I'm not mistaken, the Prince at the time of Scab village was put inside the inventory in its entirety, while only the『freshly severed head』of the prince at the time of Suga town was put inside.

It would be unwise to take out the whole one, wouldn't it?

Then, for the time being, the『freshly severed head』one—

I took the freshly severed head of the prince out from the inventory and gave it to the receptionist onee-san—

「Gyaa!!!」

The receptionist onee-san collapsed on her back with a scream and got crushed under the freshly severed head of about dozen kg of weight.

It was a very stereotypical development but we had come to the guild leader's room.

「Lela-sama, I apologize for the inconvenience our staff caused you this time.」

A seemingly timid, short ossan humbly apologized to Lela.

This ossan seems to be the guild leader somehow or another.

「So, how did the matter of Seiji's rank turn out?」

「Y-, Yes,

It was made『B rank』specially as an apology for this time. I'm kindly asking for your forgiveness.」

「It seems to be『B rank』, Seiji. It was good.」

Lela seemed to be delighted but—

I wasn't.

「Guild leader-san, I would like to ask you one thing, would that be okay?」

「What is it?」

「Is the guild rank something that can be freely raised at the guild leader's own discretion?」

「Uh, there's no such thing normally but,
this time is special.」

「Normally, a certain number of guild points has to be accumulated when raising the guild rank, what has happened this time?」

「This time is special.....」

「In other words, guild leader-san.

In order to sell a favor to Lela,

does it mean that the guild leader himself will personally conduct a『Fraud』?」

「S-, Such a thing!」

「Then, I don't accept that『special』, thank you.」

「What is it that you don't like, Seiji?

Isn't it good that your rank has been raised?」

「Even if my rank rises by『fraud』, I'm not happy.

The rule must be followed by everyone,

a top organization breaking its own rules can't be trusted.」

「I-, Is that so, if Seiji hates that『special』then it's not alright.

You understand, guild leader.」

「Y-, yes.」

In the end, I turned in the Goblin princes at the time of Scab village and Suga town which were inside the inventory, receiving 10, 000 Aurum reward for each, totaled 20, 000 Aurum.

The guild points were 1, 000 points for each monster, totaled 2, 000 points.

Since there were three people who subjugated the one in Scab village, each person got 333 points.

And since it was only me who subjugated the one in Suga town, only me received 1, 000 points.

All three of us will become C rank with 300 points, but I had 1, 000 points more and the points had been accumulated up to B rank.

However, to become a B rank, there seems to be a『Battle test』and I will rank up after passing it.

『Battle test』, huh. It seems to be troublesome.

I wonder if I should've received that『Special』contentedly.~

Chapter 158: Tower of sunrise's first floor

With the rank up, we completed the formalities of the tower of sunrise's entry permission and went to the『tower of sunrise』immediately.

The entrance of『tower of sunrise』was located in the town and soldiers guarded the perimeter.

I talked to the soldiers who were guarding the tower's entrance.

「Excuse me, we'd like to enter the tower of sunrise, would that be okay?」

「Please show me the entrance permit.」

「Y-, Yes.」

We showed the entrance permit issued by the adventurers guild.

Hm?

Why does Lela have an entrance permit?

「Lela. Are you by any chance going in as well?」

「Yes, why?」

「Lela, you're not an adventurer, right?

Why do you have an entrance permit?」

「I've gotten permission with Seiji and co as guards.」

「Err~. Lela-san, are you fine with other works?」

「It's fine, there's no problem.」

Is that so?

Well, if it's Lela, it will be okay to display our abilities.

As this was our first time entering, we received an explanation about the tower from the soldier.

「Currently, this tower has been captured from the 1st to 3rd floor.」

「N!? Though it has a height of about 60 floors, only up to the 3rd floor has been captured?」

「Yes, the stairs to go up to the upper floor from the 3rd floor has yet to be found.

If you find the stairs please report it.」

「U-, Understood.」

「Next about the traps.....」

「There are traps?」

「Yes.

There's a wide room where you can go straight ahead from the entrance, there's a trap in the center.

Please don't approach it as much as possible.」

「Y-, Yes.」

「Then, about the monsters.

Generally, there's one type of monster that appears frequently per level.

Sometimes, monsters of different color appear. Since the magic stones are inside the bodies of the monsters, if you discover one please prioritize in killing it and secure the magic stone.」

I see, so rare monsters possesses magic stones.

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After receiving the explanation about the tower, we completely prepared ourselves and set foot in the tower.

The inside of the tower was gloomy,  
it was covered with dirt-like walls,  
and the smell of mold and dirt wafted through the air.

Though it should be the first floor on the surface, it almost look like an underground cave.

「I'm looking forward to what kind of monster will appear, oniichan!」

Aya was in high spirits as if she had come here for a picnic.

「Ah, I forgot to say. I can't fight because my left hand is injured.」

「N!? Is that true!?!」



Since Lela was surprised,

I took off the gloves on my left hand and showed the bandaged that wrapped around it.

「Were you wearing the gloves to hide your injury!?

To inflict an injury to a person like Seiji, what kind of guy was your opponent?」

「Stalker.」

「A demon with that name, it seems to be strong somehow.」

But it's not a demon.

「By the way, Hilda.

What kind of injury have you suffered in battle while you were in the magician unit?」

「Since I was a baggage carrier, I didn't fight.」

「Is that so?」

「Yes, but please leave the dismantling of the monsters to me!」

That reminds me, she got a knife for dismantling monsters from Rachel.

「Then, we'll leave the dismantling to Hilda.」

「Yes!

Ah, but there's no backpack for carrying the luggage, what should we do?」

「Ah, well, because I can store the luggage using magic, you don't need to carry the luggage.」

「What? You can store the luggage using magic!?!」

When I was talking with Hilda, Lela cut in on the conversation forcefully.

「Now that you mention it, the things disappeared and reappeared, was it magic?」

「Ah, that's right.」

When I started talking with Lela, who suddenly cut in, Hilda fell behind a little as to not interrupt Lela.

Lela looked at Hilda's appearance and had a triumphant expression.

What on earth are you fighting for, Lela?

When we were walking for a while, a great rat appeared.

I used【Appraisal】but it was considerably weak.

「Ah, a great rat!」

With Aya's shout—

the great rat fled.

「Though we have come to the dungeon with so much effort, there is no monster at all.」

It seems Aya wanted to run wild so bad.

「Seiji-sama, it's a forked road. What should we do?」

As Elena said, other than the straight line passage, there was also a passage stretching to the right.

「Since there seems to be a trap straight ahead, let's head to the right.」

However, after advancing to the right for a while, it turned into a crossroad this time.

「What should we do, Seiji-sama?」

「Wait a moment, I'll check the map with magic.」

「How can you do such a thing, Seiji?」

It will be known to Lela but it can't be helped now that we are adventuring together.

When I switched the magic of the map to display the『structure』, it seems that it had become a sensing system that paints the places I passed through one after another.

From there, whilst displaying the direction we have gone, we advanced to sense and fill up the places that haven't been explored yet.

When I saw the map being filled up,  
sensing passages that spread out in all directions, leading to various rooms of all sizes.

We also tried entering a room but  
there were great rats inside and they attacked without running away.

However, in that place where we were attacked by great rats, Aya, Elena, and Lela killed them one after another.

Hilda dismantles the great rats which they have defeated and sends them to me.

Such Hilda is like a dog, so cute.

As we were checking some rooms and fighting against great rats, we found 1 red and 1 blue great rats on the way.

So this is a monster with a different color.

As expected, the only difference were the colors and being slightly stronger but—

since they were only great rats, we were able to safely defeat them.

And then, Hilda dismantled them and seemed to have found the magic stones.

She brought them to me happily.

When appraised, they were【magic stone of ignition】and【magic stone of



refrigeration】.

「Lela, they are【magic stone of ignition】and【magic stone of refrigeration】but are these ones alright to make up for the shortage of magic stones?」

「Yes but speaking of wants, I want even rarer ones.

They are also useful enough though.

Let's collect rapidly.」

「Ou!」

When we hasten the collection of magic stones for a while, we finally found the stairs to go up.

「Ah, I found the stairs!」

「Wait, Aya!」

「N? What's wrong, oniichan?」

「There's something!」

At the same time I said so,

a large amount of great rats appeared to protect the stairs.

## Chapter 159: Tower of sunrise's first floor boss battle

A large amount of great rats appeared to protect the stairs.

「Leave them to me!」

Aya plunges in without thinking.

Not to be outdone by Aya, Lela also followed.

Elena steps forward just a little and starts preparing magic.

Hilda and I fell behind a little and watched how things unfold.

「Toriyaa!」

Aya's knife slashed the great rats one after another, Elena's ice magic froze them one by one, while the enemies, whom Aya failed to defeat, was blocked by Lela and prevented them from going towards Elena.

Elena doesn't seem to be able to use too much flashy magic since we're inside the dungeon.

Well, even so, we can surely win by a large margin overall.

The battle continued for a while,

though there were some who managed to escape, most of the enemies had been disposed of.

「\*Rawr!!\*」

A black, big great rat raised a queer cry from the depths and appeared.

It's probably the great rat's『boss』!

It was accompanied by two dark brown great rats on its side.

The two's body was huge, they seemed to be『Mid-bosses』.

Aya charged at the『Boss』,

conversely, the two『Mid-bosses』attacked Lela and Elena.

「Elena-sama!」

Lela, whilst parrying one of the monsters with her shield, called out anxiously.

With one swing of Elena's magic rod, the『mid-boss』that attacked Elena had been blown away, crashing into the wall and could no longer move.

Elena, in rapid succession, threw a slightly bigger Ice magic toward the『mid-boss』, whom Lela restrained with her shield, freezing it in ice.

Lela, who probably wanted to protect Elena but was helped in reverse, had a complicated expression.

When the『mid-bosses』were defeated,

Aya was still fighting against the『boss』.

Aya's attacks doesn't quite hit it.

「Shit! Where did it go?」

Aya, a girl should not say『shit』.

The『boss』's movements were also fast but its black color had become a camouflage and occasionally disappeared from sight.

Though I plan to not intervene as much as possible but there's no helping it.

「Lela! Use【Light magic】!」

「Y-, Yes!」

When Lela shone a light with magic,

the inside of the gloomy dungeon was brightly illuminated.

Lela's magic had also become stronger than before.

The『boss』, who had become completely exposed being illuminated by Lela's

Light magic, was daunted.

「Now!」

Aya quickly struck at the daunted『boss』, with a knife thrust, the『boss』disappointingly collapsed and could no longer move.

「Yay! Thanks, Lela!」

「O-, Oh.」

The relationship between Aya and Lela had become awkward for a long time since the fighting competition but it seems they were opening up a bit by fighting together.

When the battle was over,

Hilda rushed up to the fallen enemies,

the common great rats had their【tails】cut off, while the『mid-bosses』and『boss』were handled well and had their【magic stones】taken out.

Hilda, who couldn't participate in the fight, seemed to be full of vigor in dismantling.

When Hilda finished the dismantling quickly, she brought it to me.

The【Tail of great rat】seemed to be a subjugation proof.

And the magic stones that were taken out of the mid-bosses and the boss were【Earth reinforcement magic stones】and【Darkness reinforcement magic stone +1】.

What a pity! Both magic stones can be easily made.

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We climbed the stairs and reached the second floor.



When we go up to the second floor, the smell of mold has suddenly disappeared and the air is somewhat chilly.

When we arrived at the second floor,

『fox』-like monsters were there!

The foxes preyed on the great rats which had escaped to the stairs a little while ago.

When the foxes noticed us, they fled with great rats held in their mouths.

Apparently, the enemies on the second floor were the『fox』-like monsters.

## Chapter 160: Tower of sunrise's second floor

We started the exploration of the second floor.

Aya is in the lead,

followed by Lela, Elena, Hilda and me.

We moved forward through the passage, entered the first room and were attacked by two foxes.

Both of them sprung to Aya,

one of the monsters was killed by Aya instantaneously while the other one was repelled by Lela's shield and was thrown off balance.

「Here it goes!」

Then, Elena's Ice magic burst,

the fox, which had been thrown off balance, was pierced through in the belly by the Ice magic and could no longer move.

「Instant killing, huh.」

「Well, they are weak, aren't they?」

「Well, it's still the second floor.」

Actually, as much as they don't come with an overwhelming number, it's an easier win than the great rats.

We waited for Hilda to cut the fox's tail off and moved to the next room.

In the next room, three foxes appeared.

While Aya keeps dodging the attacks of the three foxes, Lela hits them with her shield, blowing them off one at a time and Elena's Ice magic finishes them off.

At the same time as Elena's magic finished off two of them, Aya also killed the

last one as well,

「Let's attack head on!」

Aya is in high tension.

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We didn't see any enemies in the third room.

「Tsk, end, huh.」

Aya was going to go back but

I knew that there was an enemy.

「Idiot, it's there!」

Faster than Aya looking back, the enemy sprung at Aya.

Don!

Producing a dull sound,

the enemy's attack

was blocked by Lela's shield.

「Thanks, Lela.」

Being thanked by Aya, Lela bloomed with a smile.

The mysterious enemy kicked Lela's shield, after rotating around in the air once, it landed.

It quickly tried to flee into the darkness and was about to succeed—

it has been slashed by Aya from behind and died.

The fallen enemy was a black fox.

「Since the black ones seems to be good at hiding, be careful, Aya.」

「U-, Un.」

It seems for Aya, enemies who hides is like a weak point.

The magic stone that Hilda had retrieved by dismantling was a【Darkness reinforcement magic stone】.

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In the next room, with two common foxes, a dark brown fox with a body one size larger was there.

「That one seems to be strong!」

While Lela and Elena killing 1 of the common ones, Aya had already managed to cut the other one off in the act of rapid slash and further attacked the dark brown fox as well using the same momentum.

However, the dark brown fox withstands Aya's blow and has managed to somehow take an attack posture.

Oh, not bad!

Immediately after, it quickly sunk down at Aya's second attack.

「It was a little strong.」

Aya has an overjoyed expression.

The magic stone that Hilda took out was the【Earth reinforcement magic stone】.

Good ones doesn't appear easily, huh.

Then, we captured some of the rooms and it was then when we entered the seventh room.

「Ah, beautiful.」

When we turned toward the middle of the room at Aya's words, there was a fox shining in gold, intimidating us.

「Be careful, Aya.」

「I know.」

Aya approached it carelessly and attacked but—

the golden fox suddenly accelerated and dodged Aya's attack.

「Uwa, this guy is quick!」

Aya is trying to attack it many times but the golden fox suddenly accelerates each time and dodges the attack.

「Aya, need help?」

「You must not interfere, oniichan.」

Well, it's still a weak enemy, it will be alright.

As the golden fox's speed was fast, Lela and Elena wasn't able to participate in the fight.

The one-on-one tag of Aya and the golden fox continued for a while, the golden fox's breath was finally on the verge of giving out and the speed of its rapid acceleration also fell.

「It's the chance!」

Aya caught up with the golden fox's rapid acceleration, violently thrusting her knife from behind and killing it with a single blow.

「Yay!!」

Well, Aya doesn't seem to be using magic yet, she is just having a warm-up.

Hilda finished the dismantling and brought the magic stone.

The magic stone was【magic stone of biribiri】.

It's a pity, I have this in large quantities.

Like that, when we continued to explore some of the rooms, we found a big room connected with several dozen of places.

The stairs to the upper floor are visible at the depths of the room.

However, at the depths of the room, a gigantic white fox was waiting.

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When we entered the room,

the body of the gigantic white fox, who was in the middle of the room, started to be wrapped in a faint bluish light.

「It's going to use something!」

When we took a fighting stance—

the white fox let out an『Ice breath』.

Such an enemy already comes out even though it's still the second floor, huh.

It was a little surprising but the『Ice breath』's range was short and didn't reach us.

「Cold! Please take out something for us to wear, oniichan.」

「Let's put that off for later! This guy seems to be strong.」

「Got it.~」

Whilst the ice particles caused by the breath lightly flew about, Aya charged.

「Uwaa!!」

「What is it, Aya?」

「I fell over.」

「What a clumsy girl!」

「That's not it, the floor is frozen!」

When the ice particles caused by the breath cleared up, the room's floor had been frozen in a crescent shape.

So that breath wasn't an attack, its aim was this.

Freezing the floor, is it a stay away tactics?

「I'll attack it using magic!」

Elena attacked it with Ice magic.

The white fox seemed to be thinking of swallowing the Ice magic that was flying toward it with its mouth—

It swallowed the Ice into its mouth and spitted it back toward Elena!

「N!?!」

「Elena-sama, it's dangerous!」

Lela promptly protected Elena and blocked the Ice with her shield but Lela's shield had been frozen.

Well, it's fine since I'm ready to set up a barrier to protect Elena if Lela isn't there but.....

「As expected, you need help, Aya.

If you keep on being careless, someone will hurt.」

「U-, Un.」

I formed a gun with my right hand and pointed it toward the white fox.

Pan!

With a light sound, the【Electric shock】hit the white fox directly on its forehead.

Afterwards, the white fox's body went stiff for an instant and fell down just like that. It was no longer moving.

「Eh?」

Lela was surprised at the instant occurrence and raised a flat voice.

「What did you do just now, Seiji!?!」

「It's Lightning magic.」

「N!?!」

Come to think of it, though I had shown her【Incandescent light bulb】magic, I didn't mention anything about it being Lightning magic.

「Other than that, Aya.

You have fallen over loudly but are you alright?」

「It hurts a little.....」

「I'll cast recovery magic.」

Elena quickly approached Aya and began to stroke her arse.

「What are you doing, Elena-chan!?!」

「Please hold still, I'm healing you.」

「Hii-yes!」

When Elena was stroking Aya's arse, Aya began to fidget.

「S-, Something feels strange.....」

Umu, I'd also like to have an injured arse.

「Lela, though you blocked the ice, were you alright?」

「No the shield has been frozen.....」

「I'll thaw it out!」

This time, Hilda rushed up to Lela and began to thaw Lela's frozen shield out with【Fire magic】.

When I look towards Aya and Elena, Aya, who has her ass being stroked, is panting for some reason. What are you doing?

When Hilda finished thawing Lela's frozen shield out, she went to dismantle the white fox next.

She's really a hard worker.

Although Elena has finished treating Aya, Aya still has a strange expression.

「Aya, are you okay?」

「I-, I'm fine..... something, feels, strange.....
that's all.」

What strange feeling!?

「Other than such a thing, let's have a reflection meeting.」

「Eeh.」

「First of all, Aya!」

「Ack!」

「It's not ack.

Aya, act more carefully.

It's fine since the enemy is still weak, but sooner or later, someone will get hurt!」

「U-, Un.」

「Then, Elena.」

「Y-, yes.」

「Elena, Ice magic is useless if not used properly, use other magic as well.」

「Y-, yes.....」

「Next, Lela.」

「Hii-yes!」

「Lela, it was a good move.」

「I-, Is that right!?!」

「However, you might better think of a method to defend against magic in the future.」

「That's right, exactly!」

She seems to be somewhat proud.

「Finally, Hilda.」

「M-, Me?」

「Since Hilda can use Fire magic with much effort, you should think about some method to attack with Fire magic.

In the battle a little while ago, if Hilda could attack with Fire magic, we

probably could've won more easily.」

「B-, But.....

Fire magic isn't suitable for attack.....」

Well, in fact, I don't understand it well.~

Although Fire magic is often good for attacking in games, why is the magic of this world doesn't have a fire attack?

「Hilda.

Do you mind if I use【Appraisal】on you?」

「N!? Of course, I don't mind.」

I, although it was too late, tried to use【Appraisal】on Hilda.

└─<Status>─

| Name: Hilda

| Occupation: Slave ※

| Condition: Cursed (slave) |

| Level: 3

| HP: 86

| MP: 106

|

| Power: 8 Endurance: 6

| Ability: 9 Magic power: 9

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| Skills

| Fire 2 Short blade techniques 1

| Dismantling 2

It may be because I've become used to seeing our status, it seems too weak.

Next, I also tried to check up on【Fire magic】.

└─<Fire magic>—

|【Ignition】(Rarity: ★)

| ▪Ignite flammables.

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|【Heating】(Rarity: ★)

| ▪Raise the temperature of something nearby.

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|【Fire control】(Rarity: ★★) | ▪Enable to control flame.

Only this much, huh.....

Water and Ice magic has Water and Ice generation but there's no Fire generation in case of Fire.

I have to come up with something for this.

Chapter 162: Tower of sunrise's third floor

The dismantling of the white fox was finished, and we obtained the tail, fur and【magic stone of refrigeration +1】.

We went to the third floor.

When we arrived at the third floor, the cool feeling has disappeared, and there is strange creepy feeling that somewhat makes the body itch.

What is this feeling?

「Somehow, my body feels itchy.~」

Apparently, it's not only me.

When I checked the map—

What! There's a goblin reaction!

So the third floor has goblins.

Furthermore, there are hobgoblins and generals.

Then, there are also unidentified enemies here and there.

「Act carefully, Aya.」

「Un.」

When Aya walked into the room—

「Ah, goblin.」

There were three goblins in the room; Aya shortened the distance between her and them cautiously.

The three goblins were—
killed instantly.

Well, the opponents are goblins, it's only natural, isn't it?~

「I've fought carefully.」

Umu, does she want to be praised?

「Well, there may be strong goblins who are pretending to be common goblins, it's better to be careful.」

「Right~?

Ah, but,

they might be slightly stronger than the goblins outside.」

I see, even if it's the same monster, the monster in the dungeon are slightly stronger, huh.

It seems common for some reason.

We waited for Hilda to cut the goblins ears off and went to the next.

When we entered the next room, there were also three goblins.

Aya carefully shortened the distance between her and them cautiously in the same way as earlier.....

but it didn't went like so.

Aya suddenly accelerated,

killing one of the goblins instantaneously.

The remaining two monsters were defeated normally.

「Did you find out that the first goblin wasn't a common goblin, Aya?」

「Oniichan knew from the beginning, huh.

That goblin was trying to use magic.」

「I see.」

The three of them appeared the same, but actually, the first one was the type called『Goblin magician』.

I was planning to make a move if they didn't notice but it seems Aya acted carefully.

But when it has become like so, it has left the others with nothing to do~.

「Aya, when the next enemy appears, let Lela fight as well.」

「Un, I understand.」

「Seiji. F-, For my sake.....」

Lela was fidgeting for some reason.

Is something wrong?

Hilda brought the【Magic stone of refrigeration】that was taken out by dismantling.

Does a monster, who possessed a【Magic stone of refrigeration】, has come to be able to use magic?

When we entered the next room,
there was only one goblin this time.

「That goblin is probably a magic user too.」

「Alright, I understand. I'll go!」

Hearing it was a goblin magician, to substitute for Aya, Lela stepped forward.

「Come!」

Lela purposely took a distance and lay in wait.

Does she has some kind of plan?

Sure enough, the goblin magician attacked using magic.

It was Ice magic.

「Tei!」

Clash!

Lela repelled the Ice magic that came flying with her shield.

The Ice magic had been repelled by the shield and shattered but, Lela's shield had also been slightly frozen.

「Next, come!」

It seems she's practicing her shield to block magic somehow or another.

It had been repeated three times, and Lela was able to completely block the magic with her shield.

It seems pouring magic power into her shield at the moment she blocks, enables her to repel magic.

「Alright!」

Lela boldly approached the goblin magician and finished it off with a single hit of her rapier.

We continued to explore for a while after that, it was probably about 10 rooms.

I had a bad feeling before entering the room.

Although I know the position of the enemy in the map, the enemy inside the

room is something we haven't encountered yet.

「What's that!？」

Aya, who entered the room, raised a rough voice.

We, who entered the room following Aya, saw.....

a strange monster we haven't seen until now.

Chapter 163: Shinyxx

What was in the room of the tower of sunrise's third floor.....

was a macho.

「What's that!?!」

The mysterious macho poses without taking notice of us who entered the room.

And when each pose has been completed—
his body faintly『shines』.

I tried to use【Appraisal】and—

└─<Status>─

| Occupation: Goblin▪bodybuilder |

| Level: 15

| HP: 1, 730

| MP: 279

|

| Power: 56 Endurance: 65

| Ability: 23 Magic power: 30

|

| Skills

| 【Light magic】(Lv2)

| 【Body reinforcement magic】(Lv2) | 【Body techniques】(Lv 1) └──────────

「Goblin▪bodybuilder??

This is a goblin?」

When I was puzzled and surprised, the Goblin▪bodybuilder, turned toward

here whilst smiling sweetly.

He struck a victory pose and shone.

What on earth is this guy exactly?

Everyone was also dumbfounded, looking at the guy.

In the next moment,

the【Vigilance】magic informed me of『Danger』.

!?

Before anyone knew it, someone rushed toward Lela.

「Lela! Beside you!!」

「Eh!？」

Lela got tackled and had been blown away to the side.

「Lela!」

However, it didn't seem to have dealt that much damage, Lela immediately stood up.

「What on earth?」

Looking at the guy who crashed into Lela with a tackle, it was a hobgoblin.

Since when did it appear?

No, that's not it! While we were looking at the goblin • bodybuilder, it approached.

We immediately got ready for battle but.....

while we were doing so, the Goblin • bodybuilder struck a pose again and shone.

!!?

「Why am I,
looking at the goblin • bodybuilder??」
Strange,
for some reason, I can't take my eyes off of the goblin • bodybuilder.

Don!

「Uwaa!」

Before anyone knew it, Aya had been blown away by the hobgoblin this time.

「A-, Aya! Are you okay!?!」

「Y-, Yeah, somehow.」

What is the meaning of this??

For some reason, it's impossible to look away from the goblin • bodybuilder.

「It's dangerous, let's fall back for now.」

「Un.」 「 「 「 Yes. 」 」 」

We hurriedly left the room, and the enemy didn't come after us.

「What's that guy~?

I don't understand it at all!」

「For some reason, we couldn't take our eyes off of that guy.」

Aya and Lela have Elena to cast recovery magic on them.

「Perhaps, the goblin • bodybuilder was using some kind of magic, don't you

think?」

「Is the goblin • bodybuilder that macho guy?」

「That's right,

It's probably【Light magic】.」

「【Light magic】!?」

Hearing the word【Light magic】, Lela snapped it up.

「Can you also do the same thing with【Light magic】, Lela?」

「N!? Me!?」

「You can do it for sure, try it.」

「.....I-, I understand.」

Lela, who seems to be embarrassed.....

struck a sexy pose.

「Uh~, Lela,

it's not the pose but the magic.....」

Aya chuckled, seeing Lela's pose.

Lela crouched down from being so embarrassed.

「Lela, only the magic is fine.」

「Say that first!!」

Lela posed normally this time and began to use magic.

The magic had been invoked and Lela's body was wrapped in light.

「Oh, Lela, it's a success! I can no longer look away!」

「T-, Truly!?」

Lela, who seems to be happy, uses the magic many times and each time, my

eyes are glued to Lela.

I tried to check Lela's status, and【Visual attraction】magic was added to【Light magic】.

She seemed to be able to freely choose whose visual was to be attracted.

「Uhm, Lela-san. It's fine already.」

「S-, Sorry. J-, Just.....」

Lela seems to be awakened from the joy of being the focus.

Rebuilding our strategy, we rushed back into the room.

Aya and Lela ran up to the goblin・bodybuilder at full speed, carrying out a pincer attack at the front and the back.

And, Aya dealt a vital strike from behind—

the goblin・bodybuilder tumbled down together with a 『Aah!』scream.

The hobgoblin also appeared from the side as it paused for a short moment, it had been frozen in ice by Elena's magic.

「It was scary at first but it's an easy victory if we make a strategy properly, isn't it?」

「Aya is right but

on the other hand, if we don't make a strategy properly, even such a weak enemy can be a threat to us.」

「I see,

in other words, a strategy is important. Oniichan.」

「Something like that.」

Hilda finished dismantling and brought the【Magic stone of faint light +1】 and【Earth reinforcement magic stone +1】.

Oh, something good has appeared this time.

We continued to advance steadily.

In the fight against the goblins in each room, Lela attracted the attention of the enemy with【Visual attraction】

and from a defenseless blind spot, Aya and Elena attacked. It was a complete tactical pattern.

And then, we,

finally.....

explored the third floor thoroughly.

Huh?

Chapter 164: Hidden room

When I've confirmed the map of the third floor, all the places are filled up.
And yet, there are no stairs.

The strangest thing is the goblin general.

Although I can confirm that there's a goblin general on the map, it's in a place surrounded by walls and impossible to go to.

Is there also a hidden door?

「Didn't we pass here a little while ago, oniichan?」

「Umu, there seems to be a hidden room ahead but I don't know how to get there.」

「「「Hidden room?」」」

「Alright, let's look for the entrance of the hidden room everyone!」

「Ooh!」「「「Yes.」」」

We weren't able to find it.....

「I give up~.

Since the boss, goblin general is in here, there's no doubt that there are stairs to the fourth floor~.」

「Shall we break the wall?」

「Stop it already.」

Aya, without listening to me, touched the mud-like wall and invoked【Earth magic】.

Bachin!!

「Uwa! The magic has been repelled!」

「It has become impossible to cheat, huh.」

If we have only searched this place and there's no entrance, considering the possibility—

「It seems to be from the bottom.」

「From the bottom?」

「I mean, the stairs that lead to the fourth floor is probably on the second floor?」

「No way.」

「This is the basis.」

I projected the magic【Map】for everyone to see.

「Is this also a magic!? So there's such a magic too.」

Lela was especially surprised.

「This is the map of the third floor and we're currently here in this place.

The hidden room is just nearby, and the point/dot that can be seen in there is the reaction of the goblin general.」

「Even such a thing can be seen.

That's good~.」

「And this is the map of the second floor.」

「Huh? Oniichan,

on the second floor, there's a portion that isn't visible.」

「It's a place we haven't gone to.

And now, isn't it in the same location as the place where we can't go in the map of the third floor a short time ago?」

「Un.」

「From there through the boss room of the third floor, I think we might be able to go to the fourth floor.」

「I see~. It's highly likely.」

「Alright then, let's go back to the second floor.

Let's hold hands everybody.」

Aya, Elena and Hilda immediately held hands together but Lela had a blank look.

「Come on, what are you doing? Hold hands.」

「What are you doing?」

After I confirmed that Elena and Hilda took Lela's hand, I invoked【Teleportation】.

「Funya!」

Lela exclaimed.

The atmosphere suddenly became chilly on the second floor.

「W-, What happened just now?

The surroundings suddenly changed!？」

「It's【Teleportation】.

Haven't I shown it to you before?」

「T-, That!？」

So this is the magic that makes you suddenly disappear.」

Did you by any chance think that only my form had been disappearing?

Well, whatever.

「Well then, just like earlier, let's look for the entrance of the hidden room everyone!」

「Ooh!」 「 「Yes.」 」

We weren't able to find it again.....

「Seriously!

Perhaps, we're going to enter from the first floor?」

「Oniichan,

Is there also a place we haven't gone to on the first floor?」

「Oh, that's right.」

We used【Teleportation】again to the first floor.

The atmosphere changed into earthy smell.

「Well then, again, again,

let's look for the entrance of the hidden room~!」

「.....」 「 「Y-, Yes.」 」

We weren't able to find it again.....

「Why!!?」

「Oniichan, maybe.....

there's still an even more lower part, isn't there?」

「There is,『perhaps』from the beginning but.....

As I've thought, it's there after all, huh.....」

We used【Teleporation】again.

「Oniichan, where's this?

Since the smell hasn't changed, it's still the first floor?」

「This is the place we've been when we first entered this tower—
the『forked road』.」

「Ah, over there!

We turned right in here at the beginning, right?」

We head straight through the『Forked road』, and arrived at a huge room.

And, in the center of the room—

is a big『pitfall?』with a gaping wide mouth.

Chapter 165: Stinking water

「Pitfall? This is?」

In front of us, a big hole appeared.

「It's a big hole, oniichan.」

I've tried to peer in but I can't see the depth because it's dark.

「Now, how are we going to get down?」

「We're going to get down from here?」

Lela is also anxious.

「Seiji-sama, nothing can be seen below. It's pitch black.

Going down there as it is, isn't it dangerous?」

「That's right, we have to first make sure of what's down below.....」

I took out an adequate wooden stick from the inventory, wrapped a piece of cloth that I don't need around it and soaked it in a firelighter for camping.

「Hilda, can you please set fire to this?」

「Yes!」

When Hilda used【Ignition】magic, the improvised torch vigorously burst into flames and brilliantly illuminated the surroundings.

「Why bother with a torch, oniichan?

Besides, its light can't reach the bottom.」

「Well, you'll see.」

I attached again the【Tracking beacon】, which I had put on myself, to the

torch and tossed it into the hole.

The torch fell down dozen of meters below and with a splash, it fell into a water, extinguishing the fire.

「Oh, it has been extinguished.」

「So the bottom is water! I give up.」

「But, I saw something before the fire has been extinguished.」

「Let's review it.」

I tried to playback the【Tracking beacon】's video that I attached to the torch from the beginning.

「Seiji! W-, What's this!?!」

It's awkward when you get surprised every time.

Not only Lela, it seems Hilda is also surprised.

「This is the view that can be seen from that torch.」

「Even such magic.....」

When I paused the video just before the torch fell into the water, it showed the view at the bottom.

At the bottom of the hole was a room, filled with black, muddy liquid.

I had no way of knowing how deep the liquid was from the video.

Inside the room, not just black liquid but also something like a wreckage could be seen.

If I had to take a guess from its form, wasn't it formerly the stairs?

That means—

there have been stairs in this hole before and collapsed into this state for some reason.

「The bottom seems to be somewhat dangerous.」

「If we use【Teleportation】on top of the wreckage, we might be able to come down.」

I can't let the girls go, if we get on the top of the wreckage below in great numbers, it might collapse~.

So I should get down alone first.

I'd been seen off by everyone who was anxious, and moved to the bottom of the hole alone with【Teleportation】.

When I moved toward the bottom of the hole using【Teleportation】, the wreckage under my foot shook for an instant with a bang, I almost fell over but I was able to resist it somehow without falling over.

However, what's this smell?

An oily kind of smell wafts through the air.

When I turn on the【Incandescent light bulb】and look around—
there's a wide room and it's entirely flooded with black liquid above floor level.

Looking a little further ahead, a doorway can be seen.

Let's head towards that doorway first.

I took out an adequate wooden stick from the inventory slowly and tried to put it into the black liquid.

The stick immediately reached the floor and I found out that the depth of the water was around 20 cm.

It seems to be alright to walk through this.

I took out the『boots』from the inventory and put it on, and went toward the doorway whilst confirming my steps with the stick.

When I arrived at the doorway and left the room—
it was followed by a passage way.

As far as I can see, there are several forked roads in the passage as well as several places which seem to be the entrance of the room.

This is completely the『first floor's underground』as soon as I thought whether there's only a hidden passage.

When I check the map, unidentified enemies covers a wide range.

It's no good.

Once I get back, I'll inform everyone of the situation.

I came back to where everyone is using【Teleportation】.

「You stink, oniichan!」

「The first thing you say is that!!?」

I took off the boots and put it back to the inventory after washing the boots' dirt with【Water magic】.

「You still stinks, oniichan.」

「It can't be helped since I walked through the stinking water.」

「How does the bottom look, Seiji-sama?」

I projected the【Tracking beacon】's video that had been attached to me whilst explaining the situation.

「Seiji. In other words, we need to capture the first floor's underground.」

「It's that kind of thing.」

「Oniichan, it's unpleasant to walk while being soaked in the stinking water!」

「You~!」

Well, even I bring Elena and Hilda to such a place, it's a little unpleasant.

Later, I want boots with pants not just ordinary boots.

Let's re-enter after preparing in Japan.

「Although it's still early, let's call it a day.

Let's continue again next week.」

「Next week?

We will not capture it again tomorrow?」

「I want equipment for walking in the water.

And we also have other works.

We can't work as adventurers every day.」

「Is that so, well, it can't be helped.」

When we left the『Tower of sunrise』,

the setting sun had been dyed in red outside.

When we arrived at the adventurers guild, inside was packed with adventurers.

We sold the magic stones at the reception.

And after we reported that there was a first floor's underground at the bottom of the pitfall, as well as the possibility to go to the fourth floor from the underground and the like, they had been greatly surprised.

Somehow or another, the monsters we had also encountered seemed to be nothing but fairly rare monsters.

The reward for selling the loot as well as the discovery of the underground were as follows: 【Great rat's tail】3A x 50

【Big great rat's tail +1】10A x 2

【Earth reinforcement magic stone】10A x 2

【Darkness great rat's tail】30A

【Darkness reinforcement magic stone】30A

【Fox's tail】3A x 20

【Darkness fox's tail】50A

【Darkness reinforcement magic stone】10A 【Fox's tail +1】20A x 2

【Earth reinforcement magic stone】10A x 2

【Lightning fox's tail】100A

【Magic stone of biribiri】10A

【Ice fox's tail】300A

【Ice fox's fur】500A

【Magic stone of refrigeration +1】500A

【Goblin's ear】3A x 20

【Goblin magician's ear】30A x 5

【Magic stone of refrigeration】200A x 5

【Goblin bodybuilder's ear】500A

【Magic stone of faint light +1】500A

【Hobgoblin's ear】200A

【Earth reinforcement magic stone】50A

『Discovery of the first floor's underground』1, 000A the total amount was 5, 300A.

「Well then, let's leave with this but,
are you still going to stay in this town, Lela?」

「Yes, I'll be in this town until I secure a little more magic stones.」

「Well then, we'll come again next week.」

「Yes, I'm waiting.」

After saying goodbye to Lela, who seemed to be reluctant to part, we returned to Japan with Hilda.

Chapter 166: Japan's dining table

We returned to Japan with Hilda.

Hilda freaked out at the appearance of my front door.

「Is this place somewhere in the dungeon, Seiji-sama?」

「This is our house.」

「.....」

So this is what they call culture shock.

I wonder if this is what Elena was feeling at the start.

About the lights as well as taking shoes off at the front door—

and when looking at the scenery outside the window, Hilda had been lost in confusion.

「Are you okay, Hilda? Oi.」

It's no good, she is absent-minded.

Hilda, who was dazed for a while, finally recovered and slowly turned around—

「Uh, err, is this place by any chance, 『God's country』?」

Why will it be so?

「No, this country is called Japan. This is the country where Aya and I were born and raised.」

「Oniichan, although I can't understand Hilda-chan's words, what should we do?」

「Ah, that's right.」

I handed the replicate【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】to Elena and the common【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】to Hilda.

I'll make another two later so each person can have one.

Thanks to the magic stone, Elena is frolic as she can now read most of the kanjis.

I understand that you're glad, now that you can read books but you must not take out so many books~.

Hilda could not grasp the situation yet and was still dumbfounded.

「Now then, I wonder if I should cook dinner now.」

「Waitt!」

「What is it, Aya?」

「Take a bath before you do.」

「Why?」

「The smell! The smell will permeate the rice!」

How cruel.

My sexy bathing scene had been completely cut, the three girls were now bathing peacefully and their voices producing kyakya ufufu could be heard.

I, with such happy voices as BGM in return, is in the midst of dinner preparations.

I've been considerably troubled but decided on a hamburger as the menu.

It's Hilda's first Japanese meal.

Since I loved hamburger when I was in Hilda's age, Hilda will surely be glad as well.

And since it's especially Japan, it's『rice』rather than『bread』.

When the preparation of dinner was over, the three people, who were playing in the bath, came out.

Hilda is wearing my T-shirt for some reason.

But, I can't believe what's happening!

It should be short sleeves but it has become mid sleeves, the shirttail has been prolonged into a one-piece dress, the chest has been widely flared and something can be naturally caught in a glimpse.

This is bad!

When I'm being extremely wary of the critical situation—

Aya looked at me with eyes as if looking at a trash.

No, I'm just.....

Anyhow, the dinner was ready and the four of us sat around the table.

「『Itadakimasu.』」

The three of us began to eat dinner but Hilda became stiff not knowing what to do.

When she was eating dinner at Lela's, it was also like this. I wonder if she wasn't used to it yet?

Aya and Elena sit on the opposite side, I have no choice but to do something here, huh.

I served Hilda a bite of hamburger with a fork, and brought the meat with lots of juices close to Hilda's cute lips.

「Here, ah~n.」

「Y-, Yes! A-, Ahn.」

I put the hamburger in Hilda's mouth,
with her eyes wide open, Hilda immediately chewed whilst holding her cheeks
with both hands.

Your cheeks might drop, mightn't it?

When she swallowed the bite with a *gulp*, she had been dazed for a while,
and I suddenly noticed that she was now staring at the hamburger on the plate.

「Is it delicious?」

Hilda silently nodded vigorously.

「Try to eat rice too, Hilda.」

「R-, Rice?」

「The white one next to it. Try eating it with a spoon.」

「Y-, yes.」

This time, Hilda scooped a mouthful of rice with a spoon by herself and put it
into her mouth.

It's a common white rice but with nori^[1] and egg『furikake^[2]』sprinkled over
it.

When I was Hilda's age, I liked『furikake』very much.

Hilda finally ate with acquiescence she seemed to understand a fact and
started eating the mug of consomme soup and the small salad dish with great
relish.

I can finally have my own meal. When I thought so—

Hilda finished eating most of her share, loathing to part with the few
remaining of her dinner.

There's about a mouthful of the hamburger and rice left.

I took Hilda's plate of hamburger and rice away forcefully.

Hilda was surprised at the sudden situation, regretting why she hadn't eaten immediately.

Well, I'll only serve her a『second helping』.

I've placed a hamburger and another smaller but meaty piece.

As well as rice with somewhat larger quantity of furikake than earlier and returned it to Hilda.

The face full of despair has completely changed into face wrapped in joy.

Hilda ate up the『second helping』in no time with great relish.

「Is there any dessert, oniichan?」

「There is.」

Well, it's ready-made though.

I took out a pudding which can be served in a dish with one touch, decorated it with canned fruit and whipped cream and carried it to the table.

「It's a pudding! Yehey~!」

Hilda ate up the pudding à la mode in no time.

「Was it delicious?」

「Y-, Yes!」

There's not even a pudding à la mode when I turned 30.

「Then, eat mine as well.」

「I-, Is it fine?」

When I give the pudding to Hilda—

Aya is looking this way wistfully.

When she was about to say「that's good~」like usual—

Aya managed to read the mood.

It seems she have grown up a little.

Chapter 167: Activity plan meeting

We finished eating dinner. I made 2【Magic stone of temporary language +2】 and gave them to Aya and Hilda.

「Is it fine for me to have this too, oniichan?」

「When we go to the other world, it's very hard to start a trade.

Besides, everyone need it when we go overseas.」

「I want to travel overseas!」

「We will, soon.」

Aya immediately became excited.

We shouldn't have talked about going overseas.....

I connected a notebook PC to the TV in the living room and started to run a software for presentation.

「Well then, from here on,

we're going to hold a『activity plan meeting』!」

The characters『Activity plan meeting』was displayed in the TV with a whump.

Aya applauded but Elena and Hilda were dumbfounded.

The meeting proceeded smoothly and what we had been decided on were as follows:

1. Visit the mana crystals of every place and acquire magic.
2. Level up by working as adventurers.
3. Try to craft potions.

From the objectives we had been decided before, only the『War resolution』 had been disappeared.

While we were having a discussion, Hilda was extremely drowsy.

「Hilda, are you okay? You seem to be quite sleepy.」

「I-, I'm alright!」

You don't seem to be alright at all.

「If you're sleepy, why don't you go ahead and go to bed?」

「I-, I'm really okay.」

Currently, it's 21:00 at night.

It's no wonder since everyone is already asleep a long time ago in that world.

It may also be because she had a full stomach from dinner, making her sleepy.

I'll carry her to the bed if she can't put up with the drowsiness.

The meeting proceeds further.

It had been decided that Elena and Hilda will study in order to acquire『magic』.

Now that they could read books, they might be able to make progress quite easily with their study.

Since Aya brought the textbooks she had used around the time when she was in elementary and junior high school, we decided to use it as teaching materials.

Our activities as『adventurers』were going to be carried out with the capturing of the tower of sunrise as focus.

We have to buy waders first.

Since the『potioncraft』has to make curse dispelling potions in large quantities, it's important to secure the materials.

It needs【Holy water】and【Purple nettle】.

We need to decide whether to look for a place where the【purple nettle】is being sold around each town or to pick it up ourselves.

We also need to decide whether to ask Lela to make【holy water】or acquire【Light magic】ourselves since it needs【Light magic】to make.

Up to this point—

Hilda had fallen asleep .

「She had fallen asleep, huh.」

「It's understandable~.」

「Now, where to lay her down? Is it fine in Aya's bed?」

「Un, it's fine. I already laid another futon next to Elena-chan's to sleep.」

「Then, help me since I'll carry Hilda.」

「Okay.」

I had Hilda, who was asleep, in princess carry and carried her to Aya's bed.

「Now then, Hilda had been put to sleep, let's talk about Hilda's circumstances but.....」

「What do you plan to do with Hilda-chan, oniichan?」

「First, I want to release her from slavery.」

「Un, that's right.」 「Eh!？」

Aya has approved but Elena is surprised.

「Is there any problem, Elena?」

「Well, I think it's impossible to free a slave.」

「N? Is that so?」

「I haven't heard something like a slave being released before, I don't know how you can release her either.」

A slave has such treatment, huh.....

I'll try to ask even the king, the perpetrator who was going to make me a slave. He might know something.

「At any rate, in order for Hilda to become independent, teach her and have her acquire a lot of magic.

Then, it might also be a good thing to have her learn how to read, write and

calculate.」

「I understand, Seiji-sama.

I'll teach Hilda. Please leave it to me.」

「Right, Elena.

I ask you to teach her about fire in particular.」

「Okay, I understand.」

When I woke up in my room the next morning, someone was in the side of the bed.

Who is it?

「If it isn't Hilda, what's wrong?」

「Mo-, mo-, mo.」^[1]

「Peaches?」^[2] Is something wrong with peaches?」

「I'm very sorry!」

Hilda prostrated before me and broke into tears.

「Wait, Hilda. What's wrong?」

When I look closely, Hilda's clothes are strange.

Something is not right.

When I observe slowly and carefully—

Hilda's lower body part was stark naked.....

「Hilda! Why are you dressed like that!?!」

「Zorry, zorry.」

However, Hilda kept apologizing while crying.

「Though I don't know why are you apologizing, wear some clothes quickly!」

I tried to help Hilda to sit up in a hurry, at that moment.....

「Oniichan, what are you making noise for in the morning?」

Aya came into my room without knocking.....

I was helping Hilda, who had her lower body part stark naked and crying, to sit up and had a momentary power failure.

「Ni-, ni-, ni-, niichan!

W-, w-, w-, what are you doing!!!?」

The next moment, Aya's flying kick,

sank into my face.

「Wa!?!」

When I came to, I was in the living room.

「Seiji-sama. Good, you've woken up.」

I, whilst lying on Elena's lap, had Elena cast recovery magic.

「Huh? What on earth happened to me?」

「I-, I-, I'm sorry.」

Hilda prostrates again.

「Can someone explain what's happening?」

「I'm sorry for the sudden kick a short time ago, oniichan.

I'll explain.」

According to Aya's explanation, Hilda seems to have『wet the bed』.

She had fallen asleep without going to the toilet before going to bed. She woke up, wanting to go to the toilet but she didn't know where it was. She wanted to ask somebody but both Aya and Elena was asleep, based on the situation, it seemed that she persevered and went back to sleep.

「I didn't teach you how to use the toilet. Sorry, I didn't notice.」

「Oniichan, I'll teach Hilda how to use the things inside the house.」

「Oh, I'll leave it you.

Hilda, you don't need to be depressed that much too.

Everybody makes mistake.」

「T-, Thank you very much.」

Hilda is still prostrating.

「Don't worry about it.

Even Aya wet her bed until upper grades of primary school.」

「Oniichan!!」

I lost consciousness again after receiving Aya's flying kick.

Chapter 168: Elena and Hilda's houseworking

I received Aya's flying kick twice and had Elena to revived me. Then I went to the office hurriedly after attaching【Tracking beacon】to Hilda.

I began to observe Elena and the others as usual whilst doing my work seriously.

「Hilda, please come over here.」

「Yes, Elena-sama.」

Does Elena called Hilda by her name without honorifics?

Well, it will probably be the natural attitude towards a slave.

Aya has already gone to junior college and it seems Elena and Hilda are the only one home.

「We're now going to wash your dirty pajamas.」

「Y-, yes.....」

Elena's strict attitude is new too.

「Actually, the one who will going to wash it is the thing called『washing machine』, since Hilda's pajamas can't be washed as it is, let's wash it in water first.」

「Yes.」

Elena and Hilda brought the pajamas to the bathroom and washed it in hot water stored into the wash basin several times.

Eeh, Elena could also do laundry properly, huh~.

「We're going to use the『Washing machine』now.」

「Yes.」

「First, you put the laundry here—」

「Do you also put mine together with yours, Elena-sama?」

「I was told by Seiji-sama to do everything together.」

「Y-, yes.」

「Since the laundry is washed together too, please keep them always tidy.」

「Yes!」

Elena has begun to smile to Hilda who listen to what she says obediently.

Though the attitude is strict, Elena is Elena after all.

「Then, when this button is pressed—」

Elena pressed the button that says『start』and the washing machine began to move.

Hilda was surprised and fell down on her butt.

「Are you okay?」

「Y-, Yes, I'm sorry.」

「Afterwards, put the detergent with the same amount as this picture, close the lid and just wait for the washing to finish.」

「Y-, yes.」

I wonder if it's alright, isn't it a little difficult for Hilda?

「Next is the cleaning of rooms.」

「Yes!」

「First, use this.」

「What's this?」

「It seems to be picking up dust using static electricity.」

「Static electricity?」

「Static electricity seems to be a very weak lightning magic.」

「Is this a magic tool!?」

It's not a magic tool!

「Then, we use the vacuum cleaner.」

「Is the vacuum cleaner that something which had been attached to the staff?」

「Yes, when you turn on this switch—」

When Elena turn the switch on, the vacuum cleaner raised a hum and started to move.

「Uwa!」

Hilda nearly fell down on her butt again but she seemed to somehow endure it this time.

「Please bring your hand close to the nozzle of the staff, Hilda.」

「Y-, yes.」

Hilda brings her hand close like Elena says.

「Wha-, the wind is blowing towards the staff.」

「Yes, it suck up dust using the power of the wind.」

「A-, Amazing.」

Hilda keeps being surprised since a little while ago.

Well, it's understandable.

Elena picked the dust up while Hilda, in accordance with Elena's instructions, began to clean each room using the vacuum cleaner.

The vacuum cleaner seemed to be fun and Hilda cleaned with it whilst humming.

After a while, an electronic sound informing that the washing has been finished resounded.

「Elena-sama! W-, What's that sound just now!?!」

「Hilda, it's okay. Don't panic.

That's the sound when the washing has finished.」

Well, I'll be surprised if I hear an electronic sound for the first time too.

The two people have put the laundry in a basket and begun to dry them in the verandah.

The futon with a world map drawn on it has already dried.

But, it seems Hilda can't be helped but be interested about the scenery that can be seen from the veranda.

「Elena-sama, what is that lump of iron that runs at a frightening speed?」

「That's a vehicle called car. People rides on it.」

「Inside of that..... it's amazing, isn't it!?!」

「There are also vehicles larger than that called bus and train.」

「A-, Aren't they scary?」

「I was scared at first too but it seems to be a very safe vehicle.」

Hilda has been engrossed in watching the scenery that her hands has stopped moving~.

Washing and cleaning were over and it was now time for lunch.

「Let's make lunch.」

「Yes!」

Hilda answered energetically.

Undoubtedly a glutton.

It seems the two people are making something like a meat sauce pasta.

「First, fill a big pot with water.」

For some reason, Elena filled the pot with water using【water magic】not the tap water.

「Elena-sama uses【water magic】too, huh. It's amazing!」

Elena smiled happily.

Elena purposely used water magic to show a good scene.

Elena has such『mischievous』side too, huh~.

「Well then, we set the fire.」

Elena set fire to the gas stove.

「It's burning!!」

How did this happen?」

「Yes, it has a mechanism that burns air.」

「Burning air!? It's amazing!!」

Hilda stared at the gas stove's flame all the time.

When she drew close too much, her bangs burnt!

Elena opened the lid of the canned meat sauce a little and started to warm it into hot water with a small pot.

「Hilda, please get the plates ready.」

「Yes!」

Elena casts away the boiled pasta's drained hot water with【Water magic】, lifts the colander after it has become light to some extent and serves it to the plates after shaking off the moisture.

As to not burn herself, she takes the canned meat sauce with a pot holder and pour it on top of the served pastas on the plates by half each, sprinkling a

Parmesan cheese to finish it off and it's done.

Moreover, bread rolls and milk have been prepared too and the two people eat their lunch with great relish.

Uh-oh, I have to go for the lunch break too.

I also went to the pasta shop near the company, whilst looking at the view of Elena and Hilda having a happy lunch, I had pasta as well.

Chapter 169: Ringo's choker

Since my work hadn't progressed much after observing Elena and Hilda in the morning, I'll work properly in the afternoon.

Oh, Elena and Hilda are studying.

Elena is studying science.

She seems to be focusing on reading the part about fire.

Hilda is reading a picture book.

She seems to be glad that she can read the characters and look very happy.

Uh-oh not good, work, work.

As I thought so, my smartphone has received an email.

When I pretend to go to the restroom and check the email inside the toilet stall—

it's from Nancy.

The round-the-world trip is over and she is informing me that she has returned to America.

Yes! I can now go to America using【Teleporation】with this.

After writing and sending a reply to Nancy, I went back to work.

Somehow, I don't feel like doing the remaining work in the end.....

When I finished working and went home—

「Welcome home!」

「I'm home.」

Elena and Hilda greeted me.

What a happy feeling.

「Seiji-sama, I'll do your shoulders.」

「Seiji-sama, I'll make you tea.」

Elena massaged my shoulders as usual, and Hilda made tea.

She probably learned how to make tea from Elena.

I say, this is like paradise~.

When I'm completely savoring the feeling of paradise—
the chime rang.

「Yes.」

When I get the door to see who it is—

「Good evening, Seiji-san.」

It was Ringo.

「Welcome, what brings you here, Ringo?」

I'm told to call by her name「Ringo」without honorifics but it's still embarrassing.

「I promised Aya to visit the house before.」

「Aya, that fellow is hopeless~.

Well, come in, come in.」

「Pardon the intrusio~n.」

I invited Ringo in.

「Good evening, Elena-chan.

Eh? This girl is?」

「Ringo-san, good evening.

This girl is Hilda. Hilda, your greetings.」

「Y-, yes. I-, It's Hilda.」

「Good evening, Hilda-chan.

I'm Ringo, best regards.」

Ringo stares at Hilda's collar.

Did I mess up?

「That Hilda-chan's collar.....

it doesn't look too good on Hilda-chan.....」

What to do, I have to give an explanation somehow.

「Uh, actually, that collar is a religious thing and it seems to be no good to take it off.」

「N? It's no good to take it off!?!」

Ringo observes Hilda's collar slowly and carefully.

Did I messed up saying such a thing immediately?.....

「I see~.

This is a design which seems to be consuming magic, isn't it?」

「N!?! You understand it?」

「Vaguely.」

It's impossible to understand it, isn't that right?

「Ah, that's right!

May I borrow a table, Seiji-san?」

「Okay but what will you do?」

Ringo opened her bag, took out tools of something or other and began to arrange it on the table.

「If you can't take it off—」

「If you can't take it off?」

「It can be decorated instead!」

When Ringo said so, she took out wires and bead-like things and began to make a necklace.

The necklace has been completed immediately—

「If you attached this on the collar.」

Ringo installed the necklace on Hilda's collar.

「Look, it became pretty.」

The sinister【Slave collar】of Hilda had been transformed into a lovely ethnic style choker.

「Ringo-san is amazing!」

Elena was delighted,

and Hilda had her eyes round while looking at the mirror.

With this, it seems to be alright for her to go outside.

「Thanks, Ringo!

As expected of Ringo!」

「Iyaa, when Seiji-san said that much, I feel embarrassed.」

「It was good, Hilda.

Come one, you have to thank Ringo.」

「Y-, yes. Thank you very much!」

Ringo, who was being thanked, kept on being embarrassed.

Aya came home after a while.

「I'm home.~」

「Sorry for disturbing you.」

Together with Mai-san and Yurie-san too.

「Come i-「What! This girl!」」

Yurie-san attacked as soon as she found Hilda.

「Kyaa! Cute!

Haa haa.....

w-, won't you take a bath together with o-, oneesan?」

She rushed toward Hilda and hugged *rubs rubs* her faster than anyone else.

S, Stupid, I wasn't able to follow her even with my eyes too!?

Hilda is completely scared.

「Yurie! What are you doing!?!」

Yurie-san got a chop by Mai-san and collapsed.

「I'm sorry that Yurie caused you trouble.」

「S-, Seiji-samaa!」

Hilda was scared and hid behind me.

「Hilda, though Yurie-san is a bit strange person, it's fine since she's not a bad person.」

「Y-, yes.....」

Yurie-san, who had received recovery magic from Elena, immediately became conscious and began to *rubs rubs* to Elena this time.

Elena smiled wryly but, oh well, it would be okay to leave it alone.

「By the way, why have you gathered today?」

「That's because of me.」

Ringo started to talk.

「I've caused various troubles to everyone because of my stalker incident—the culprit has been caught, I also finished moving and I want to thank everyone properly, thank you very much, everyone.」

Ringo deeply bowed and said so.

「Especially Seiji-san who got hurt.....

Seiji-san is my savior.

I'll do anything you like if I can do it.」

N? Did you say you are going to do anything I want just now?

「Then, take a bath with me!」

Yurie-san who cut in on our serious conversation and said something unnecessary had been chopped by Mai-san again.

Chapter 170: The little girl and the night park

I took the girls and went to a yakiniku shop.

We partied to celebrate the resolution of Ringo's incident.

Along the way, Hilda was amazed for seeing the Japanese landscape for the first time, since Elena held her hands, matters like getting lost had been avoided.

「Alright, it's my treat. Please don't hold back and eat anything~.」

「「Waaa!!」」

One has to try having a lavish feast like this once, right~?

Yurie-san ordered a cola for Hilda to drink, Hilda was surprised at the carbonic acid and couldn't swallow it, it was serious.

Mai-san only ate galbi^[1].

Ringo fed me who had an injured hand diligently.

「「Thanks for the meal.」」

It has become a considerable amount of money but since I've got a lot from the President, it's no problem.

On the way back, Aya and the others went home ahead, while I escorted Mai-san, Yurie-san, and Ringo to the station.

「Ah, that's right.

Please take these you three.」

I took out accessories from the bag and gave them to the three.

「Oh, the accessories I've designed.」

Though I had her to provide the metal pins, it had been left unattended because of the incident.

All three of them were overjoyed, Mai-san and Yurie-san put the accessories on with each other—

and I put it on Ringo.

「Thank you, Seiji-san.」

「You only have to design, I'll make them as many as you as like.」

「Yes!」

The material is just electrolyzed silver coin, it's so cheap compared to Ringo's smile.

「Once I have a new design, I'll come again, okay?」

「It will cause Aya-chan to lick-lick^[2], I'll visit again.」

Oi, hey! Yurie-san!

「See you later.....」

N? See you later?

What is Mai-san talking about?

Well, whatever.

After seeing the three people off, I tried to go home using【Teleportation】.

But I felt someone's gaze so I decided to walk for a while to see the situation.

But, the sign continued to follow.

What on earth does it intend to do?

I walked into a deserted night park.

I stopped in the central plaza of the park—

「Don't hide forever, why don't you come out?」

When I said so—

a lone little girl showed up from the shadow of a tree.

「I've been noticed after all, huh.」

It was Mai-san.

「Didn't you go home with Yurie-san and Ringo?」

「My home is in the opposite direction to those children's. I ran after oniisan after parting with them on the way.」

「So that's what you mean by 'see you later', huh. What business do you have with me?」

「I have about 2 favor to ask.」

「Are they favors difficult to ask around other people?」

「Yeah.」

When she said so, Mai-san took a karate stance.

And something like killing energy wrapped around Mai-san.

When I promptly took some distance—

Mai-san's【forefist middle thrust^[3]】burst into flames.

『Burst into flames』wasn't a metaphor, fire really came out.

She had reached the point where she can use that technique without the accessory, huh.

「【Exploding fist】...」

Great, it's the special move that『Magical girl Ran of flame』uses in the

anime『Magical girl・C』.

「Yes,【Exploding fist】.

Oniisan isn't too surprised, huh.」

「I'm surprised. Unexpectedly, such a technique can be used.」

「Aren't you surprised in the wrong way?

You're unusually surprised that I can use this technique, normally, you should be surprised at this technique itself.」

Giku!

「Oh, I'm surprised.

Why did a fire come out~?」

「Oniisan is bad at lying, huh.」

Mai-san slipped out a chuckle.

「I want you to tell me if you know something about this phenomenon..... will you tell me?」

「Oh, I don't know~.」

「Then, it can't be helped.」

Good, she gave up, huh.

「Then, the second favor.」

「There's still something?」

「Please, fight with me.」

「Ha!?!」

「I wanted to fight against oniisan for some time now.」

「Even if you say such a thing, I'm just an ordinary office worker, you know?」

「Aya-kun is also strong but oniisan is probably stronger, right?」

「No, no. There's no such thing.」

「Do you really not want to fight?」

「If I'm to be seen fighting against Mai-san, I'm going to be reported to the police.」

No matter how you look at it, Mai-san has an appearance of a JS^[4]~.

「Then, how about this?

If you win against me, I'll listen to whatever you want me to do once?」

「No, no! A girl must not say such thing carelessly!」

「As expected, you're confident that you can win against me, right?」

Oops!

「It seems to be right on the mark, huh.

Then, if I win, I'll have you to tell me about the matter of【Exploding fist】.」

Mai-san said so and—

leaving no opportunity for denial or refusal—

attacked.

[1] Galbi or kalbi generally refers to a variety of gui or grilled dishes in Korean cuisine that are made with marinated beef (or pork) short ribs in a ganjang-based sauce (Korean soy sauce). - Wikipedia [2] Not really sure what she meant in the first clause, here's the raw: アヤちゃんをペロペロしに、また来ますね

[3] Formerly translated as Seikendzuki/Seiken zuki. “Seiken zuki” is to punch with the fist in a way that the joints of the forefinger and the middle finger (2 knuckles) will hit the opponent.

[4] Joshi Shogakusei(elementary school girls)

Chapter 171: Mai-san's trump card

「Wai-! What are you doing, Mai-san!?!」

Mai-san's roundhouse kick grazed the tip of my nose.

「Uwa! Dangerous!」

This time, she performs a foot sweep kick.

Afterwards, fists and kicks fly unceasingly.

As expected of Mai-san, her continuous attack has a tremendous speed.

Her attack's sharpness and speed, it's probably above the demonkind's king?

Though her reach is too short, her attacks reach far for some reason. What's happening?

I kept dodging Mai-san's attacks for a while when she temporarily took a distance and—

「As expected of Aya-kun's oniisan.

That blow also didn't hit.....」

「Mai-san, let's stop this already.

How about calling it a draw?」

「I don't want to stop such an interesting fight midway!」

When Mai-san said so—

she disappeared!?

The next moment, I sensed『Danger』from behind. When I dodged to the side whilst looking back—

Mai-san's flying kick came flying from behind.

「To even dodged this technique.....

Do you have eyes in your back, oniisan?」

Whilst saying such a thing, Mai-san disappeared again.

This time, I sensed『danger』from the side, Mai-san's fist had already been drawn before my eyes.

It can't be dodged!

Pan!

「It seems oniisan couldn't dodge this either.」

Mai-san's fist had been blocked by my palm.

She seems to be happy that it's being guarded rather than dodged. Mai-san attacks one after another.

Pan!Pan!Pan!

A pleasant sound successively resounded.

However.....

Though it's frightfully good sharp attack.....

it's a little light.

「I know what you want to say.

You're going to say that my attack is light, isn't it?」

Well, even if I say it's light, it's not to that extent either, the extent of sharpness is more than enough to offset the lightness.

Though I think that there's no need to worry to that extent.....

「But you know, this proved to be inevitable, right?」

Mai-san looks slightly regrettable.

「I'm starting to be like okaa-san, it's undoubtedly hereditary.」

Mai-san's okaa-san, huh..... they might be look alike.

「But, even if it's me, it doesn't mean that you don't have to take any countermeasure.」

「Eh!?!」

Mai-san took a stance that looks like a manga protagonist storing up power of something.....

seriously, it began to store some kind of power.

It's different. That's magic!

Mai-san is using some kind of magic.

When Mai-san finished casting some kind of magic on herself—
she smiled broadly.

「Come on, I'll show you my seriousness!」

Zudon!

When I blocked Mai-san's forefist middle thrust, a shock reverberated toward the core of my body.

What on earth is this!? It's clearly different from a little while ago.

Mai-san's fierce attacks continue yet again.

Moreover, the power of the attack gradually increases!?

After an intense continuous attacks, Mai-san.....

threw a blow containing all her might toward me.

Zudooon!

An intense shock passed through the core of the body and the bone creaked, giving off an unpleasant sound.

The one who couldn't endure the pain and fell down in place, unable to move..... was Mai-san.....

「Mai-san, are you alright!?!」

「Even with the state of taking out my trump card, it's my lost.....」

A drop of tear rolled down Mai-san's cheek who fell down in the park's plaza.

If one look closely, Mai-san's limbs have become swollen red.

「Mai-san, your hands and feet!?!」

「I've been told by okaa-san that that technique shouldn't be used because the backlash is strong.

When my attack didn't work, I've become irritated.....」

Mai-san seems to be in pain.

This is bad!!

In times like this.....

Elena!!

I carried Mai-san and ran toward the house.

However, this situation.....

I'll be certainly caught if I were to be seen.....

While worrying about it—

A policeman is on his way!!

This is bad!!

Now of all times!!

I promptly hid in the shadow of the vending machine.

「What's wrong, oniisan?」

「*Hush!*」

The policeman slowly approaches.

I can't take it anymore!

I have no choice but to use it, huh.

I disappeared using【Night shade】and ran past from the side of the policeman.

「What's this!? My body disappeared!？」

I smiled at the surprised Mai-san.

After being deprived of freedom to her hands and feet, and being carried by a 30 year old DT, the little girl who had her cheeks wet with tears—
had been successfully brought home.

Chapter 172: Mai-san's secret

「Welcome back, oniichan.....

Tsu! What happened to Mai-san!?!」

「Please heal her, Elena.」

「Y-, Yes!」

With Elena's recovery magic, the swelling of Mai-san's limbs were healed in a moment.

「This is amazing. What kind of occurrence is this?」

「Well, Elena is good at『good luck charm』.」

「『Good luck charm』, huh.

Well, I decided not to ask about it since I lost.」

「Mai-san lost!?

Niichan! What does it mean?」

「Uh.....

That reminds me, what happened to Hilda?」

「Don't try to change the subject!

Hilda-chan had already went to bed since she was sleepy!」

「Aya-kun, it's not it.

I challenged oniisan to a fight forcibly, and I self-destruct on my own.」

「Why did you want to fight oniichan?」

「Well, I noticed that oniisan was strong for some time.

But I didn't think that he's strong to this extent.」

Mai-san looks happy for some reason while saying such a thing.

「Uh-oh, I promised that I'll listen to anything you say if I lose, didn't I?

Please say anything.」

「N•ii•cha•n!!」

「I wasn't the one who proposed it!」

「Yes, it's my distinction.

I attacked an opponent who wasn't retaliating. I'll lose my honor if it wouldn't be allowed.」

「Un, I understand. But you must not give a naughty order!」

「I won't!」

「M-, My body grows slowly.

Don't you think it's not interesting?」

Why does Mai-san's cheeks redden?

I'm not like that!!

「Well, don't hesitate and say anything, oniisan.

I-, I'm prepared.....」

「I understand already, please hold still then.

Because I'll just take a peek.....」

「Oniichan!」

「P-, Peek!?!」

「Uhh, don't misunderstand, okay?

I'll only use【Appraisal】.」

「【Appraisal】?」

「Oh, how should I say it, it's something like『divination』.

I'll just have a look at what kind of person Mai-san is.」

「I-, I see. Alright, do it.」

Mai-san laid down and sprawled on the carpet like 'a carp laid on a chopping board'^[1].

You don't have to go that far.....

「Then, here it goes.」

「O-, Ou.」

「【Appraisal】!」

「*blood rising!* T-, There's something peeping through me!

T-, This is embarrassing.....」

She realized it!?

I've seen something unexpected.

What should I do?

└─<Status>─

| Name: Kawai Mai

| Race: Quarter demonkind

| Occupation: Karate practitioner |

| Level: 11

| HP: 2, 800

| MP: 1, 550

| Power: 245 Endurance: 240

| Ability: 183 Magic power: 155

| Skills

| Fire 3, Body reinforcement 3

| Magic power perception 3

| Body techniques 5, Staff techniques 5

| Sword art 3, Short blades techniques 4

The first that should be noted is, she has acquired magic.

【Fie magic】and【Body reinforcement】are already expected but【Magic power perception】!

There also seems to be various weapon skills that can be used.

And, the most problematic—

is the『Race: Quarter demonkind』!!!

Does it mean that 1/4 of demonkind's blood is flowing through her?

「Mai-san, may I ask a question?」

「What is it?」

「Is there anything unusual with Mai-san's ojii-san or obaa-san?」

「N? Ojii-san or Obaa-san?」

That reminds me, I've heard that my maternal ojii-san was a person who look like an oni.」

He was a demonkind?

But how did a demonkind get into Japan?

「Have you met your ojii-san?」

「I haven't met him.

Is my strange power, by any chance, ojii-san's?」

「Probably.」

「I see, okaa-san and I is probably like this because of ojiii-san.」

「What kind of person is your okaa-san, Mai-san?」

「She grows slow like me, we are often mistaken as sisters when we are

together.」

Mother and daughter are mistaken as sisters.....

I've often heard such story but, in the case of Mai-san, the circumstances are totally different.

What kind of person would an okaa-san be for her to be mistaken as Mai-san's sister?

I'd like to meet her by all means.

And, an otousan who married such an okaa-san, isn't it out?

「By the way, that ojii-san-like oni, how is he now?」

「I don't know.

Only obaa-san have met ojii-san, and it seems obaa-san had only been together with that person for one night.

And she conceived okaa-san by then.

She remained unmarried and brought up okaa-san.」

It's somehow an amazing story.

Only one night, nobody had seen him after that.....

Did he come from the other world to Japan and immediately returned to his original world?

If it's the case, is he a demonkind of Elena's world?

There may be some information if I go to the demonkind's town.

I'll try to investigate it since I have nothing to lose.

Mai-san stayed at our house that day.

[1] A carp laid on a chopping board means (1) a critical situation you cannot avoid, and (2) a person who is self-poised at such a critical moment. This metaphor comes from the legend that carp is still and composed unlike other fish, like eel when laid on a chopping board.

Chapter 173: Lela's holy water

On Saturday, we have come to Nippo town.

It's to report to Misha-san that we are now taking care of Hilda.

「Take this, Hilda.」

Misha-san put on a bright red ribbon around the center of Hilda's chest area.

「You've become cute with this.

Seduce Seiji with this cuteness,

and then, receive lots of love.」

「Yes!」

They're talking about something strange but.....

「Because I'll work hard in order to be loved by Rondo-sama as well, it's a competition who gets to win which heart first.」

「Yes!」

Misha-san, don't inspire Hilda with a strange thing!

Rachel-san's knife.

Cassandra-san's cat-ear hood.

Misha-san's ribbon.

With this, she had now a set of the former magician unit's equipment.

Hilda wears a serious face and renews her determination.

Do your best, Hilda.

Your adventure has only just begun.

After leaving Misha-san's place, we had come to Lela's place after buying medicinal herbs on the way.

「I couldn't wait any longer, Seiji. Let's go to the tower of sunrise at once!」

Lela wanted to go to the dungeon that much, huh.

However, I still have something to do.

「Sorry but I have a different business today.」

「What is it? Say anything if it's within my power.」

Lela is somehow overflowing with motivation!

「Actually, I need holy water.」

「H-, Holy water!?!」

After hearing the word holy water, Lela has been acting suspiciously for some reason.

Is it also a trauma for holy water?

Let's ask about the situation for now.

「I want to make【Cure dispelling potions】but the ingredients can't be easily found, I'm in trouble.」

「Eh!? Oh, it's that『holy water』, huh.」^[1]

「That?? What did you mistake it for, Lela?」

「No! Nothing, uh.....」

Lela hangs her head low as her face turned deep red.

What a strange fellow.

I arranged the set of tools for crafting potion in front of Lela.

「Everything is transparent and seems to be very amazing tools.

Are we going to make...holy water with this?」

「Before making holy water, it's necessary for you to acquire the skill

of【potioncraft】.

I think that it won't be a disadvantage for Lela to acquire it.

How about it? Will you do it?」

「Yes, I also want to use such amazing looking tools.」

First, it's【Strength recovery potion】.

Lela has been instructed with great attention to detail.

「Potion crafting is also quite fun, huh!」

Lela stares at the potion she has made for the first time lovingly.

Why are you so happy?

I tried to use【appraisal】on Lela and since she has been able to acquire【potioncraft】, she is making【illness mitigation potion】this time.

The【Blade of purple grass】and【Blade of ice grass】which are the ingredients of【Illness mitigation potion】are the things the inventory fertilized long ago.

Again, after making【Illness mitigation potions】for only three times, Lela's【potioncraft】went up to level 2.

Next is【Burn healing potion】.

When she was able to accomplish it about 10 times using【herb】and【blade of ice grass】, Lela's【potioncraft】went up to level 3.

「【Potioncraft】is interesting!

Besides, it was so easy!」

I think it's probably because the tools are good.

It's now the long-awaited【Holy water】's turn.

The【Holy water】is made by loading【Light magic】into【magic water】.

And,【Magic water】is made by loading【recovery magic】into【distilled water】.

While【Distilled water】is made by casting【purification】of【water magic】on normal【water】.

In other words.....

as long as you have Water, Recover, and Light magics, you can make plenty of【holy water】from normal【water】.

The workflow is, I've made【distilled water】from【water】, Elena has made【magic water】from the【distilled water】, and Lela makes【Holy water】from the【magic water】.

Hilda served us a good tea.

Aya is.....

eating the cake I've bought with great relish whilst drinking the tea which Hilda brewed.

What are you doing!?

While Lela was recovering her MP, everyone decided to take a cake break.

When I wasn't paying attention, everything had been eaten by Aya.

「What's this!? It's sweet, soft, and fluffy.....

it melts inside the mouth!!」

Lela is also a girl, huh~.

Her pupils have become heart marks whilst eating cake.

「Look, Lela.

You have a cream stuck on your cheek!」

I wiped the cream stuck on Lela's cheek and ate it since it was such a waste.....

「T-..... Thank you.....」

She suddenly looked down as her face turned crimson.

Were you embarrassed by having a cream stuck on your cheek?

After the cake break, we resumed the holy water making, At the time the 30th holy water had been finished, Lela's【potioncraft】went up to level 4.

It will be enough if there's this much.

「Thank you, Lela. You saved us.」

「N-, No, this much, is an easy task.

If you need...my holy water, just tell me anytime.」

「Thank you.」

「What will you do now? Are you going to the tower of sunrise?」

「No, I'm going to look for the【purple nettle】, the other ingredients of【Curse dispelling potion】.

Do you have any idea, Lela?」

「I don't know such a thing but.....

Otou-san may know something.」

「Lyle Gewalt, huh. I'll try to meet him.」

「Are you going now?」

「Yes, that's the plan.」

「Can't you take me as well?」

「Good. But, is it alright? What about the matter of this town?」

「It's fine for just today.」

The parent and child spent their time in different towns since the war and had

not met for a while.

We'll be making a round trip but whatever.

Chapter 174: Demonkind's town

「Otou-sama!」

「Oh, Lela!!」

It's an emotional reunion of the parent who tried to kill me and the daughter who tried to kill my imouto.

「You've brought Seiji, huh. You've gone to a lot of trouble.」

He's proud as ever.

「Well, it's only incidentally.」

「Incidentally? Is there anything you want?」

「I'm looking for【purple nettle】, do you have any idea where I can find it?」

「Ah, in that case, it's one of the trade items of the demonkind.」

「Oh, that's convenient.

Is it possible for me to buy it?」

「It's a little difficult since it's a valuable article.」

「Well, I will be able to get it if I go to the demonkind's town, so I'm just going to go there directly and get it.」

We decided to leave Lela and go to the demonkind's town.

When I check the map, that path toward the demonkind's town that Azide-san had passed has been displayed.

Setting the entrance of demonkind's town as the target, we moved there using【Teleportation】.

「What are you guys!?!」

The soldier guarding the entrance of the town was surprised and vigilant at us who suddenly appeared.

「Hello, good day. I'm the adventurer『Seiji』that came from the human's town.

I'd like to ask permission to enter the town, what kind of procedures should be done?」

「What!?! It's Seiji!?!」

Please wait a moment.」

As soon as he heard my name, his attitude had changed.

The soldier called a boss looking someone.

「You're Seiji-dono.

And everyone else is someone who had played an active role at that time of the war too.

Ah! Isn't that the small human child who distributed the thing called『candy』!?!」

This boss-san seems like a person who had participated in the war.

Besides, he also remembers Hilda.

「That『candy』was very delicious. Thank you.

Oh, that's right. You don't understand demonkind's language, do you?」

「No, I understand it.

I'm also happy that you like it!」

Because everyone has a【Magic stone of temporary language +2】, demonkind's language doesn't have any problem.

The demonkind boss and the slave Hilda shook hands with a smile.

Somehow, they treat her better than in the human country.

「I've been instructed by Demon Lord-sama to guide you politely.

This way, please.」

We've been guided with VIP treatment by the demonkind boss.

「S-, Seiji, you've come.」

「Ah, greetings.」

Inside the hall which can really be called an audience hall of a building which can really be called the Demon Lord's castle, we are being surrounded by an army of demonkind soldiers—

and having an audience with the『Demonkind's king』also known as『Demon Lord』.

Somehow, it feels like the Demon Lord is nervous.

Though I'm not saying this to make fun of him in particular, he's too scared.

The audience room had been wrapped in a heavy atmosphere.

I didn't come for this~.

I had severed my ties with the sad nature of Japanese people and couldn't endure the silence anymore so I began to stir the talk my way.

「Well, I've come all the way in search of something called【purple nettle】this time.

If possible, I'd like to receive trade permission. How is it?」

「O-, Ou. I see, I see!

You, in the previous battle, on some level・・・performed an active role.

Special・・・trade permission granted.」

「Thank you very much.」

When I behaved modestly a little, you get carried away immediately.

Well, there's also something called Demon Lord's standpoint, let's leave it here to save him face.

「Bunmi wanted to meet you. Meet him afterwards.」

「I understand.」

Bunmi-san?

If I'm not mistaken, it's the captain of demonkind's army. I wonder what business he has with me?

We left the gloomy audience room behind and went to see Bunmi-san.

「Captain! I've brought Seiji-dono.」

I was guided by a demonkind soldier and came over to Bunmi-san's office.

「Excuse me.」

「Oh, Seiji-dono. You've come.」

Bunmi and I shook hands.

A welcome like this was exactly the best.

「Oi, Seiji-dono has come.」

「Yes.」

When Bunmi-san called out to someone, a woman appeared from the next room.

「You've come, Seiji, Hilda.」

The woman who appeared from the next room—
was Cassandra-san!

Cassandra-san was dressed in demonkind's native dress and her cat ears moved with piko piko.

「Cassandra-san!」 「Cassandra-sama!」

Hilda and I were surprised at her sudden appearance.

「Why are you here, Cassandra-san?」

The one who answered was Bunmi-san.

「Cassandra and I are getting married.」

「「「Eee!!!」」」

Chapter 175: Hilda's handshake event

Bunmi-san said something unexpected.

「Cassandra and I are getting married.」

「Eee!!!」

「Is it too surprising?」

「After all, doesn't Cassandra-san just came here the other day?」

「I've won her heart the very same day Cassandra had come to meet me.」

How fast, Bunmi-san is incredible.

「The wedding is next week. Seiji-dono and friends too, please, you have to come.」

「Next week!? It's considerably fast, huh.」

「When the marriage has been decided, it won't be blessed if one don't hold the wedding ceremony quickly.」

It's probably a custom of demonkind.

However, I have a feeling that since it's being rushed, the preparations won't be enough in various ways. Is it alright?

「By the way, Seiji-dono. I want you to come with me for a little while.」

「I don't particularly mind.」

I've been taken in by Bunmi-san's cajolery and followed him nonchalantly when—

we have been surrounded by approximately 300 demonkind soldiers.

「You are-!

You're the human child who had given me the thing called candy!

Is there anymore candy of that time?」

It seems to be the people who had gotten candy from Hilda somehow or other.

Hilda looked troubled.

「Hilda, here.」

「Seiji-sama!」

I handed a bag of candy that I've prepared over to Hilda.

Since the candy has always been consumed in large quantities, I've prepared a decent amount.

Hilda began to distribute the candies to the demonkind soldiers cheerfully.

「Oh, this is it! Can I have this really?」

Hilda nodded and gave him a big candy.

「Thank you, human child.

Ah, that's right! I'll give this to you in exchange.」

The soldier handed Hilda a fruit as thanks for the candy.

It was probably a fruit from the demonkind's country.

「I'll give this to you too.」

「Then, I'll give this.」

The demonkind soldiers handed Hilda a lot of things one after another.

Fruit, nuts, herbs, mushrooms, folkcraft.

When Hilda got various things and she couldn't hold them in both of her hands anymore, she brought them to me.

When I received the goods, she handed out candies again and then it would be repeated.

It was totally like an idol's handshake event.

「Oniichan, this fruit is delicious~.」

Aya has already eaten the gift to Hilda.....

「Seiji-sama, here.」

Elena is also holding something in her hand.

Has Aya's gluttonous infected Elena as well?

However, what Elena handed to me was some kind of grass.

「Elena, is something wrong with this grass?」

「It's, Isn't that the【purple nettle】?」

「What!?!」

I tried to use【Appraisal】to the grass.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Purple nettle】

|A medicinal herb with an effect of cleaning impurities.

|Can be used as a talisman against evil.

|Rarity: ★★ ★

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「It's really the【purple nettle】.」

「What, does Seiji-dono in need of【purple nettle】?」

Bunmi-san heard it.

「Yes, I want to use it for the ingredients of a potion.」

「Do you still need more?」

「That's right, I need 100 more.」

If my prediction is correct, after making 100【curse dispelling potions】, my【potioncraft】should be able to level up to 5.

「Hey, listen up everyone.

It seems Seiji-dono is looking for【purple nettle】.

Is there any one of you who has?」

When Bunmi-san asked the soldiers, 29 soldiers had【purple nettle】and gave them to me.

I was able to obtain a total of 30【purple nettle】.

「I'll look for shops and the like afterward.」

「Uh, it may be slightly difficult.」

「Why?」

「Because the human merchant had just bought it, I think that there's hardly any of it remained.」

That reminds me, Lyle Gewalt had said that it's one of the trade items.

「Is there a place where we can pick up【purple nettle】?」

「If you go to the『Mita forest』, I think you can find it on your own but monsters became more ferocious recently so you can't take it easily.」

「Monsters that became more ferocious, forest dungeon, it has come!」

Aya raised the tension.

You need to calm down from time to time!

「Do you intend to go to the『Mita forest』?」

I think it will be alright if it's you guys but be careful, okay?」

「Well, I'll go once all the【purple nettle】I've got this time has been used up.

Where is the『Mita forest』located?」

「You can reach that place by heading west for a short while from this town.」

We obtained【purple nettles】and new information. I shook hands with Bunmi-san, immediately after a while.....

as I was trying to leave, I recalled something I've heard and forgot.

「May I ask you one last thing?」

「N? What is it?」

It doesn't mean that I have a bad habit worrying about minor details in particular.

Yes, it's about Mai-san's ojii-san.

「It's probably 40~50 years ago, have you heard a rumor of someone who suddenly disappeared or otherwise returned?」

Though I think it's the year that Mai-san's okaa-san was born, the information is too vague.

「What a strange question.....

Umu, nothing particularly comes to mind.」

Bunmi-san asked the soldiers but wasn't able to find a clue at all.

Chapter 176: Demonkind's town's ojii-san

We were exploring the demonkind's town.

While we are restlessly looking around the town curiously, the demonkind is also staring at us,

it seems humans are rare in here.

People come and go, children play, the shops are filled with goods.

The townscape and the people look ominous but the scenery of the town is pretty decent.

There were many southern-country-like goods.

「Let's try to eat that~.」

Aya was pointing at a bright red soup that contained various ingredients.

It seems to be spicy.

「I abstain.」

Elena and Hilda also shook their heads in disapproval.

「Then, it's just me, huh. Buy it, oniichan.」

As usual, the rude imouto of ani manipulation.

Aurum is the currency of the human country but since it can't be used in this town, I asked Bunmi-san and had him exchange the money.

The currency of this country seems to be called『Silva』, at 1 Aurum = 10 Silva, I have about 10, 000 Silva in hand.

「Excuse me, how much is one serving?」

「It's 12 Silva.」

By paying 12 Silva, I have received a bright red soup served in a nutshell the size of a squash from the obaa-chan(?) of the stall.

The soup comes with two wooden sticks, they will probably be used as chopsticks.

「Here, Aya. I bought it.」

「Thank you!」

Aya has begun to eat the bright red soup in front of the stall.

「Spicyy!!」

「You don't say.」

「But, it's delicious!」

「It's delicious!?!」

When Aya is eating the bright red soup—

The obaa-chan(?) of the stall talked.

「You can use chopsticks in spite of being a human, huh.」

「Obaa-chan, are you knowledgeable with the humans?」

「Stop calling me obaa-chan, even if I look like this, I'm still 100 years old.」

「100 years old!?!」

Aya was surprised.

Well, it was expected, the average life span will surely be different.

「Oh, that's right. The humans can only live until around 50 years old, huh. How sad.」

Is the life span of the humans in this world 50 years?

But there's a recovery magic in this world, I wonder if the Earth's medicines can save the people's lives.

「How long does the demonkind lives?」

「Investigating, huh~. It's around 200 years or so.」

About 4 times or so, huh.

That means a 100-year-old demonkind is equal to a 25-year-old human?

Mai-san is too young after all, it seems to be the influence of being descended from the demonkind.

We parted with the obaa-san... onee-san of the stall—
and came over to a certain shop.

「May I come in?」

「Hou, it's rare for humans to enter this town.

That reminds me, someone had said that a human merchant came here.」

The one in the shop is an ojii-san dwarf.

『Gamudo』-san of Nippo town is also an ojii-san with a bearded face but—
this person seems to be older many times over.

「I have a letter of introduction from the Demon Lord.」

「What!? Demon Lord's letter of introduction!?!」

I handed the letter of introduction which I got after the audience to the ojii-san.

「Make a katana for the human!?!」

Yes, I intimated... asked the Demon Lord and had him introduced the blacksmith who made the Demon Lord's katana.

「There's also a letter of introduction, can you please make me one?」

「.....」

The ojii-san went into the depths of the store in silence.

As I thought so, he suddenly reappears and beckons.

When I follow the ojii-san with everyone—

we appeared in the backyard.

What a sense of deja vu.....

「Try to hold this.」

The ojii-san drew a somewhat larger sword which he held in his hands out of its sheath and handed it to me.

When I received it, it was so heavy.

「.....You have this much power, like a certain someone.」

You're testing me after all, huh.

Ohhh, let's do it!

This time, he brought a straw post.

「Try to slash this with the sword.

I said slice it off not knock it down, okay?

Generally, when it comes to human sword—

if you ask me, it's only an ordinary sharp iron stick!」

He mumbles some complaint.....

it seems he doesn't like human swords very much.

「Come on, try it if you can.」

Ok, ok, I'll do it.

「Excuse me, can you also lend me the sheath?」

「N? The sheath? Well, alright but.....」

When I received the sheath, I put the sword into the sheath.

「What are you intending to do?」

I held the sheathed sword in my left hand and approached the straw post.
I stooped down and placed my right hand on the sword's handle—
concentrating on the straw post.

Body reinforcement, strengthening myself with Space-time magic.
Firmly rooting my feet with Earth magic.

Tearing up the wind with Wind magic.

Sa!

Instantly, a soft breeze dances around me.

I turned back, approached the ojii-san and returned the sword.

「Seiji-sama, why are you giving up?」

「N? That's not the case though.」

When Elena is making a strange expression—

Aya approached the straw post and poked it with *tsun tsun*.

Then, the straw post slid off diagonally with *zu zu* and its upper half fell down
with *koron*.

「It has already been sliced off!

I didn't see it at all.」

Hilda and ojii-san's eyes turned into dots.

Ojii-san had his eyes turned into dots for a while but—

「Guwahahahaha! This is pleasant!」

he suddenly began to laugh out loud.

「Since that youngster handed a letter of introduction, I was wondering what
kind of a guy you are.

An inconceivable human!」

Apparently, he seemed to be happy with my performance.

However, this ojii-san who called the Demon Lord a youngster, who on earth could he be?

「Although I was told to make a sword equal to the sword of the Demon Lord, such a『toy sword』is unworthy of you.

I'll make you a sword that is equal to the one I had made for the previous Demon Lord.」

「That is a『toy sword』?」

「Calling himself as the Demon Lord, he's at best a brat compared to the previous Demon Lord. A『toy sword』is enough for such a guy.」

It seems that this ojii-san is like an official of the『previous Demon Lord』.

Chapter 177: Trial

I will have the official-like ojii-san of the『previous Demon Lord』make me a sword.

But—

「A good sword isn't something that can be easily made.」

「Haa?」

The ojii-san brought a great sword.

「So therefore. Try using this sword first.

Here.」

When I received the sword that ojii-san handed over—

I couldn't withstand the sudden weight applied to my hands and nearly dropped the sword.

「Heavy!!」

The rustic sword was heavier than it looks.

「With that sword, kill about 100 monsters.」

「With this sword!?

Just what the heck is this sword?」

「That sword is called【Sword of trial】, a sword which records the habit of the user.」

「Records the habit?」

「That's right.

Based on the habit that will be recorded, I will reforge the sword.

And, by repeating that, it will get close to an『ultimate sword』one step at a

time.」

「It seems to be somewhat amazing, isn't it?」

「Ou, of course.」

While I'm at it, I'll use it to capture the tower of sunrise.

Then, when I tried to use【appraisal】for the time being—

└─<Appraisal>—

|【Sword of trial】

|A sword used to impose a trial

|It absorbs the user's habit and becomes strong.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

|Trial: Monster subjugation 0/100

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The entry『trial』is listed!

Interesting, it seems achieving this will enable it to strengthen.

I shook hands with the Ojii-san and left the Weapon Shop.

The payment?

The payment seems to be fine at the time of reforging.

Now, I want to try out this new sword quickly!

We came back to Shinju town to pick up Lela.

「We're back, Lela.」

「Welcome back, Seiji.」

「Were you parent and child able to relax privately?」

「Nothing relaxing at all, we only talked about the future things and the like.」

That's serious.

Is this what they call the sense of responsibility as an aristocrat?

But their sense of responsibility sometimes run out of control.

「Well then, we're going to back to Ikebu town.」

「Yes.」

We returned to Ikebu town.

The outside had been completely dyed in red by the setting sun.

「But it seemed to be early to come home.

Since I will go to capture the tower of sunrise for a little, finish your dinner and sleep early, everyone.」

「N?

You're alone, oniichan?」

「Seiji-sama, please take me along as well.」

「M-, Me too, can I go with you?」

It seems the three people want to come along.

Hilda has said nothing but stares at me with lonely eyes.

「Stinking water has been accumulated in the underground, do you want to go?」

「Ah, is that so..... on second thought, no.」

「I-, It's, fine.」

「.....」

It seems everyone doesn't want to go.

Well, it's natural, right?

「Well then, I'm off.」

I shook off Elena's restraint and moved to the entrance of the tower of sunrise with【Teleportation】.

I showed the【entrance permit】to the soldiers guarding the entrance of the tower and sneaked into the tower alone.

I held the【Sword of trial】in my left hand, and advanced through the dungeon by skip in a cheerful mood.

At any rate, it's a new sword.

I've been raring to try it out, you know~.

I came over to the room where the stairs to the underground which had been referred to as pitfall were.

I took out【long trunks】from the inventory and put it on top of the pants.

「Alright!」

I fired myself up and moved toward the bottom of the hole using【Teleportation】.

「Uotto!」

Because my steps were unstable, I nearly fell down. I somehow managed to completely avoid being plunged into the stinking water.

「First, check the map.」

The map of the underground has yet to be filled but this room alone.

Though I can see several red dots, I don't know the identity of the enemies yet.

However, since the main purpose is to try out the sword, I advance towards the nearest red dot whilst submerging in the stinking water until around the knee.

「The enemy is on the other side of this door, huh.」

In front of my eyes, there's a sturdy-looking door which should lead to a room.

The nearest red dot is on the other side of this door.

After turning the handle attached to the heavy door, I opened it slowly.

It's also filled with stinking water the same height as the passage in the room.

Well, if the height of the water isn't different, I wouldn't be able to open the door due to the water pressure.

When I peeked inside the room—

there was nothing inside.

「Huh?

That's strange, even though it's displaying a red dot.....」

I entered the room carefully but didn't find a figure of a monster.

With【Information magic】+【Water magic】, I should be able to find the enemy in the water.....

When I looked around restlessly—

I felt【danger】from above and jumped to the side with all my might.

The thing which fell from above—

was a slime.

「I was surprised!」

The slime is red and it seems I have to crush a sphere 1 meter in diameter.

Looking from the outside, the slime looks bigger and the color is also different.

That fellow advanced toward me while being half submerged in the stinking water.

Basha!

I broke out of the water a little from my position and performed a jump attack.

I drew the sword of trial during the critical moment and hit the slime.....

I've tried to but I can't attack well since it's too heavy.

「Shit, it's too heavy.....」

Although I've dodged the slime's attack somehow, there's no meaning since I can't attack.

The slime made the same attack once again.

I took the sword of trial's weight into account this time, I started the attack motion a little earlier and was able to make the attack hit the slime successfully.

However, although the attack was a hit, it wasn't able to slice it off and only send the slime flying.

「The sword of trial is quite difficult.」

The slime which had been blown away by me hit the room's wall—
producing a『crunch』sound.

「??」

Even though it's a slime, why does such sound comes out?」

In the next instant!

The slime burst into flames like a match caught on fire along with crackling sounds.

「Fa!？」

The slime advances in the stinking water towards me whilst burning.

And, somehow, the slime have become larger~.

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It's not it!

The slime's fire spreads through the stinking water!?

「Dangerous!!」

I promptly jumped toward the outside of the room, and closed the heavy door with all my might.

「I-, It was dangerous.」

From the other side of the door that I've closed, crackling and burning sounds can be heard.

I've been submerged to my knees the whole time a little while ago, this【stinking water】.....

When I used【Appraisal】—

it was【oil】.....

When I dropped the torch at the beginning, it didn't spread properly.....

Chapter 178: Killing three monsters

The burning and crackling sounds that can be heard from the other side of the door that I've closed gradually disappeared.

Perhaps, the oxygen inside the room has run out and it has been extinguished.

However, the slime is still alive inside.

The【Sword of trial】's『trial』count is still 0.

Since it's apparent that a back draft will occur if the door is opened, I have no choice but to give up this room.

「But, it's troublesome.」

When the【sword of trial】isn't properly used, the monsters will be blown away.

And, when the monsters hit the wall, they will catch fire.

When I appraised the dungeon's wall, it seems to be made of【red phosphorus】.

Speaking of【red phosphorus】, it's a component used on the striking surface of a matchbox.

In other words—

the red slime is the tip part of the matchstick.

The dungeon walls is the striking surface of the matchbox.

A large amount of oil on the floor.

It's not strange if it becomes sea of flames anytime.....

I braced myself again and sneaked a look at the next room.

As expected, a red slime has been stuck on the ceiling.

When I approached carefully, the red slime attacked from the ceiling.

I drove the heavy【sword of trial】into the red slime with the intent to slice it off.

The red slime was cut into two with a single stroke, and a red【slime's nucleus】came out from inside of its body.

The appraisal result was【red slime's nucleus】.

Then, the【sword of trial】's『trial』count has increased to 1.

「Finally, the 1st monster, huh.....」

To put things bluntly, when a『trial』is cleared, I should kill another monster of another location.

The mithril sword will only be able to knock the red slime to the side..... if that's the case, I feel like I will lose.

Taking it seriously, I went to do the『trial』properly.

「The 30th monster, huh.」

When I defeated 30 monsters,
25【red slime's nucleus】,
5【red slime's nucleus +1】,
and 5【magic stone of ignition】
were the loot I obtained.

The slime that dropped the【red slime's nucleus +1】and【magic stone of ignition】was a slime larger than the other slime.

When I unintentionally looked over, I noticed that there's another door in the depths of the room where the 30th monster was defeated.

Although in the rooms so far there was only one door leading to a passage way, only here is two.

I have great expectation for this.

The door was in a slightly higher place and wasn't submerged in the oil.
When I opened the door, there was also no oil inside.

「I did it, it seems I can walk normally from now on.」

I took off the long trunks and wore sneakers.

The first door is followed by a short passage way but there's a big door at the end.

「Is it a boss?」

When I opened the door, there is a room about the size of a small gym.

And, there are stairs in the depths ahead!

However, the stairs isn't leading upward but downward.

「The underground also have a second floor, huh.....」

As I muttered so—

three slimes fell from the ceiling.

With three colors of green, red and black, the green and black's size is about 3 meters in diameter while the red is about 5 meters in diameter.

「So it's the boss after all!

Aya will get angry if I defeat it alone~.」

Well, I'll kill you anyway.

I mean, I will not go home until I kill 100 monsters!

To begin with, I used【appraisal】to the three monsters.

The green slime is a【Musasabi^[1] Slime】, uses wind magic,

after it jumps, it seems to glide like a flying squirrel.

The black slime is a【Darkness Slime】,
uses darkness magic,

it lurks in the shadows and seems to be launching surprise attacks.

As for the red slime in the center, it's a【Flame Slime】, it seems to be spitting fire using the oil inside its body.

Let's defeat its follower while being cautious from its fire.

First, I started running towards the Musasabi Slime.

Then, the Musasabi Slime shone and a wind gust assaulted me. It would be the Musasabi Slime's【Wind magic】.

I dodged the wind gust with a jump and continued to launch a jump attack towards the Musasabi Slime.

The Musasabi Slime jumped backward and dodged my attack.

I jumped towards the same direction too and chased after it.

The Musasabi Slime opened its gliders to stop in the air and dodged me who was chasing by gliding. A Musasabi indeed.

My jump's momentum was too strong, taking me to the ceiling. I turned myself upside down and landed...on the ceiling.

And then, I jumped down from the ceiling and charged at the gliding

Musasabi Slime—

Slash!

the Musasabi Slime was cut into two with a single stroke.

When the Musasabi Slime split into two, I continued to fall as is.

At that moment, when I sensed【danger】diagonally from below and looked—

the Flame Slime spat a flame towards me.

「Can the flame reach as far as this position?」

When I promptly hid behind the Musasabi Slime, the flame swallowed me together with the Musasabi Slime.

「Hot!」

Since I hid behind the Musasabi Slime, I somehow managed to survive without problems but my hair got burnt a little.

I landed safely and glared at the Flame Slime.

「Huh? Darkness Slime?」

At that moment, I sensed【danger】from behind—

as I was turning around, I counterattacked the Darkness Slime which made a surprise attack from behind.

However, the immediate attack didn't go smoothly and blown the Darkness Slime away without cutting it.

I ran after the Darkness Slime which got blown away to the depths of the room with a dash.

I finally caught up with the Darkness Slime and when I was going to deliver the finishing blow, I sensed【danger】from behind. I canceled the attack and jumped to the side.

A flame swoop down the place where I had been before from behind, setting the Darkness Slime ablaze.

Or rather, the Flame Slime's attack just now was nothing but a friendly fire!

I rolled over and finished off the Darkness Slime which was covered with fire. Finally, it became 1-on-1 with the Flame Slime.

I have various experience when it comes to 1-on-1.

I've defeated the Flame Slime easily,

and the underground's first floor's boss has been cleared!

The loot were

【Musasabi Slime's nucleus】,

【magic stone of gentle wind】,

【Darkness Slime's nucleus】,
【Darkness reinforcement magic stone +1】, 【Flame Slime's nucleus】,
and【Magic stone of oil】.

What's a【magic stone of oil】!?

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic stone of oil】

|A magic stone which oozes out flammable oil.

|The amount increases when magic power is poured in.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

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Isn't this amazing!?

[1] Japanese flying squirrel

Chapter 179: Tower of sunrise's underground's second floor

In the end, I decided not to go to the location of the aforementioned hidden room and explored the underground's second floor.

Why on earth would I go to the underground's second floor?

When I arrived at the underground's second floor, the air suddenly becomes dry.

The wall also becomes sandstone-ish not soil.

A cloud of dust flutters about and sand has also been accumulated on the floor.

Although the red dots indicate that the enemies are scattered, I don't know what enemies they are so they are enemies I haven't encountered yet.

However, it's hard to walk on sand.

When I advanced for a while, there was a wooden door which is on the verge of collapse leading to a room.

When I opened the door and entered inside—

there was a huge black scorpion that came attacking in response to the sound of my steps on the sand.

It approached as it pierced its legs which were like ice axes into the sand to advance.

And, it swung down its right pincer.

I tried to dodge with a back step but since I couldn't dodge properly on the sand, I parried with sword of trial and somehow managed to avoid without further problems.

However, as if it was aiming for it, it attacked with its left pincer this time.

I dodged it with a back step and a parry the same way as the right pincer.

Then, I sensed intense【danger】from above.

「Dangerous!」

When I kicked the sandy soil hard with Earth magic, suctioned away my body with Wind magic and stepped back with all my strength—

its tail's stinger pierced into the place where I've been before with a frightful momentum from above.

「That was dangerous.....」

There's undoubtedly a poison in that attack.

I should've brought a poison healing potion.

The poison may not become a fatal injury if I drink that ahead.

I braced myself again and ran toward the scorpion.

I kicked with the tip of my toes intently to deal with the sand properly, dodged the scorpion's pincer attack with minimal sideways movement, drew closer to it before its tail's stinger attack came and cut its head into two with the sword of trial.

Zudoun!

The scorpion collapsed, producing a sound.

Since I couldn't dismantle it, the scorpion's corpse was stored in the inventory as is.

『Level went up to 46.』

Oh, my level went up after a long time!

I thought I didn't acquire experience points from enemies with level lower than myself but it didn't seem to be so too.

Well, frankly, there's not much benefit even if my level rose~.

After confirming it, each stats has increased by about 1%.

When I entered the next room, there was a smaller scorpion than a little while ago.

And, it was weaker than the first room's scorpion so I defeated it smoothly.

Somehow or another, the first room's scorpion seemed to have been a mid-boss-like fellow.

While hastening the exploration for a while, I managed to kill about 30 scorpions.

There were about five enemies with similar sizes as the first scorpion, with the exception of the two fellow: one who spat fire while the other spat muddy water.

Magic stones can probably taken out from those fellows after dismantling.

The sword of trial has become『63/100 monsters』.

I've noticed something serious here.

The red dots that are displayed on the map,

I know what kind of enemies they are once I've encountered them once but.....

in this underground's second floor, there's only 1 enemy left that is unknown to me.

In other words, isn't this already determined that this one monster is the boss?

I wonder why I didn't notice it until now. orz

Whilst avoiding the other enemies, I hurried to that fellow's location.

It's the boss after all.

If I noticed it early, I could've take it more easily but.....

is the one inside the room a green scorpion?

Its tail has stinger, its both hands has become sickles rather than pincers.

When I appraised it, the enemy seems to be called『Sickle Scorpion』.

I'll be careful since it seems to be using Wind magic as well.

When I took a distance and examine the enemy's movement—

the Sickle Scorpion swung its sickle downward.

Dangerous!

I sensed【danger】and jumped to the side.

Then, the wall behind the spot I've been before was completely cut off in a single vertical line.

It was probably a『Whirlwind slash』-like【Wind magic】.

「That magic is good.」

I tried to do similar such attack before but wasn't able to do it after trying it in various ways.

I'll steal that skill.

Even if I say that, since I don't have a skill to steal the enemy's skill, I have no choice but to watch and learn it.

I took a distance and had it to use that skill many times and I continued to observe.

I could see its trajectory and dodged it somehow but couldn't quite grasp its true nature.

When I boldly received it with the sword of trial, I felt the heaviness of its weight and dispersed it in order to repel the skill.

「It seems like a mass of air.」

It's a mass of air rather than a vacuum.

In other words, it's something like wind gust, probably in a sharp form like a

blade.

「Alright, let's give it a try!」

I, whilst dodging the enemy's attack, produced a blade-shaped mass of air with【Wind magic】and hurled it out from the sword.

Although it flew out, the mass of air was slow, its shape collapsed at about 3 meters and dispersed.

「Dang it!」

I practiced it repeatedly several times, when finally, it started to reach some distance with a decent speed.

「I did it!」

I've tried to check my status and the skill called【Wind blade】has been added to the【Sword art】.

「Here it goes, try to receive my【Wind blade】!」

Whilst dodging the enemy's attacks, I invoked the newly acquired【Wind blade】.

The【Wind blade】flew toward the enemy—

Slash!

The『Sickle Scorpion』's head had been completely severed and fell down with *koron*.

「Ah!」

The『Sickle Scorpion』fell down with a *thud* and no longer move.

It had been defeated with a single blow.....

Well, whatever.

Chapter 180: Tower of sunrise's underground' third floor

When I came down to the tower of sunrise's underground's third floor—

「It's black water again!」

Black water the same as in the underground's first floor had been accumulated on the floor.

When I tried to use【appraisal】to the black water—

this time, instead of『oil』, it was『mud』.

「I don't have to worry about getting burnt this time.」

I changed my clothes to long trunks again and re-checked my equipment.

When I checked the sword of trial, it had properly increased by 1 and had become『64/100 monsters』.

The boss in the previous floor which had been defeated by the【Wind blade】seemed to have been counted properly.

I tried to get into the mud once more.

The mud was knee-deep.

However, its viscosity was high and my walking speed had become slow.

Can't I do something about it somehow or another~?

I've tried to control the mud with【Water magic】but it didn't go well since its viscosity is too high.

Since there's no helping it, I advance slowly.

When I arrived at the first room and entered inside—

I didn't see the enemy's form whom should be inside the room.

It was probably hiding in the mud.

Troublesome!

When I approached the spot where there is enemy reaction—
from that spot, something long and thin came out and attacked.

The enemy has a length of about 2 meters and diameter of 20 cm with a shape like that of a『snake』.

I promptly slashed at it with the sword of trial—

Slip!

the sword which hit the enemy slipped.

What!?

Is the enemy's exterior slippery?

The enemy who dodged my attack hid in the mud again.

Although it's alright since I can confirm its position on the map—

even if I try to slash at it when it attacks, it will not go well since it's slippery.

Well, since it will expressly jump out of the water when it attacks, I can dodge it somehow but.....

why won't it attack whilst diving into the water?

Is it because it picks up speed when moving underwater?

The same situation has occurred again and again for a while but this situation isn't getting anywhere.

I waited for the enemy's attack to pause,

and quickly wiped the dirt off of the sword of trial with cooking paper then put it in the sheath.

Then, I observed the enemy's movements carefully in a stance with my right hand on the sword's handle.

Since the enemy shakes a little mud when moving in it, I know where it is if I look carefully!

The enemy greatly circled and stood still slightly away from me.

Without moving an inch, I stare at the mud in which the enemy lurks patiently.

The enemy also seems to be searching for an opportunity to launch an attack.

The enemy began to slowly move towards me before long.

Its speed gradually became faster—

and it jumped big in front of me.

Slash!

The enemy who came out from the mud—

had been slashed by me. The body separated from the part that seemed to be the head and fell on the mud with a splash.

And, it was no longer moving as it is.

When I used【Appraisal】, it was a『great eel』.

「So it's an eel!! I wonder if it's delicious when grilled?」

I put it away into the inventory after washing it in water a little.

By defeating the 1st monster, 90% of the enemies in this underground's third floor are no longer undetermined.

I moved toward the room where the enemy was still undetermined.

When I entered the next room, a similar enemy from a little while ago attacked again.

But, the enemy is not only one size larger this time, when it jumps out of the mud, its wings-like pectoral fins spread out like a flying fish and glides in the air!

However~

it's somewhat troublesome because it approaches from hiding in the mud—but if it glides in the air, it's completely exposed to view.....

I launched a【Wind blade】and it flew, slicing off the head of the enemy who is in the air.

When I used【Appraisal】, the enemy was called『Flying great eel』.

The bones of the pectoral fins have to be taken out properly, it seems to be sticking in the throat when eaten.

When I defeated the second monster, the undetermined enemies had become only one.

It had determined that one to be the boss.

I went underneath the hidden room before going to the boss but I couldn't enter it as expected.

There's still a bottom, huh.....

Up to what floor is there underground?

Is the floor above the ground by any chance a dummy and the route that leads to the bottom actually the right course?

It's no use even if I think about it here so I'll go to defeat the boss.

When I entered the room, there was a huge『dragon』.

It's not an『eel』!?

Did the『eel』by any chance evolve and became a『dragon』?

Isn't a『carp』that evolves into a『dragon』??

When I look at it carefully, its gleaming exterior appears to be eel-ish too.

When I used【appraisal】, it seems to be a『Dragon eel』.

Although it's dragon-ish, it's still an『eel』.

When I heard the enemy's movement—

it suddenly opened its mouth and spat out a very powerful water current.

However, I can't move my feet well in the mud.

Since there's no helping it, I set up a Water blocking barrier and stopped it.

Immediately after blocking the water for a moment, it spat out a big rock this time.

I transformed the barrier into Earth blocking this time and defend against it.

It seems this guy is good at attacking by spitting out water and rock, it attacks repeatedly with this two kinds of attack at random.

I tried to attack with the indomitable【Wind blade】but it wriggled its body, dodging my【Wind blade】.

The exchange of long-ranged attacks continued for a while but it will get nowhere at this rate.

The『Dragon Eel』launched a big『rock』and it rolled over without sinking into the mud.

I climbed up on the rock, looking for an opening and jumped with all my might

from there.

The『Dragon Eel』launched a rock towards me who is in the air once more.

I knocked the『rock』down with the back of the blade of the sword of trial but I fell down with the rock as well.

I jump once more using the rock which I knocked down as a foothold.

The water current attack assaulted me this time.

I set up a barrier diagonally and glided over the water current in the same way as surfing.

I, who finally managed to come close to the『Dragon Eel』—
sent that fellow's head with the sword of trial smoothly.

The『Dragon Eel』fell down, making a big splash of water.

「Pheww.」

Even the enemy itself is weak, it's hard to do an intense battle if the footing is bad.

When I checked the sword of trial, it had become『67/100 monsters』.

Since I've gone directly to the boss, the trial doesn't progress.

Well, I don't have to intentionally fight on such bad footing, let's proceed to the next floor.

Ah, but, it will be delicious if I make a kabayaki^[1] with it, I'll come again!

While putting away the『Dragon Eel』into the inventory, I came down from the stairs which were in the depths of the room and went to the underground's fourth floor.

[1] Kabayaki (蒲焼) is a preparation of fish, especially unagi eel, where the fish is split down the back (or belly), gutted and boned, butterflied, cut into square fillets, skewered, dipped in a sweet soy sauce-based sauce before being broiled on a grill. - Wikipedia

Chapter 181: Tower of sunrise's underground's fourth floor

In the depths of the room which was one level higher and where I defeated the『Dragon Eel』, there were stairs which led down below.

I took off the long trunks, changed into sneakers and started to go down the stairs towards the underground's fourth floor.

I've been going down the stairs since a little while ago but.....

somehow, I have a foreboding.

These stairs are smooth and soft as if they have been polished.

「The stairs will transform into a slide.....」

No way.

Halfway down the stairs, I've become unable to take the next step.

「A trap will surely be activated if I took the next step.」

My【Vigilance】magic was telling me that.

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Having said that, there's no other way to go down these stairs.

I put my foot on the next step cautiously.

Shakes!

I've heard a sound of something moving—

and the stairs transformed into a slide as expected.

「Right~.」

I strengthen the frictional force under my feet using【Earth magic】and stood

in place without slipping.

But in the end, it's necessary to get off this slide.

When I'm thinking what to do—

a rattling sound can be heard upward.

「What could it be?」

The sound was the sound of a huge rock rolling down.

「What a cliched development!!」

With the approaching rock from behind, I ran down the slide.

How far will I have to run?

The rock is still chasing from behind.

The next moment, the steps had been terminated exhilaratingly.

「Eh!？」

I wonder what happened.

The slide has been terminated midway and I've been thrown in the air.

「This may be bad!」

I concentrated my whole energy to grasp the situation whilst free-falling.

There was a vast space the size of a domed baseball stadium spread out at the bottom and I would soon hit the stone floor below.

After casting【Body reinforcement】magic on myself, I concentrated on preparing to reduce the impact with【Earth magic】and got ready for crashing with the ground.

Thud!!

As I landed, I dispersed the shock with【Earth magic】—
and the shock which couldn't be removed ran through my whole body.

「Ouchh!!」

I've got both my feet numb with the fall's impact.

When I forcibly detached my numb feet off of the floor, I jumped forward with all my might and rolled over.

Thuuuuud!

Immediately after, the rock which had been rolling over from behind fell on the place where I've been a little while ago.

「Hah.」

I wiped the sweat off of my brows.

I finally regained my composure and surveyed my surroundings.

There were 64 pillars lined up in a circle at equal intervals surrounding the space slightly larger than a baseball field.

However, about five of them haven't reached the bottom and are in the state of hanging.

Is it a shoddy construction?

A huge pillar also stood in the center of the space, near it.....

a huge stone statue stood.

Is that the boss of this floor?

Well, anyhow, there is no other enemy so it will be easier to battle a single monster.

However, the atmosphere is clearly different from other floors.

Did I by any chance finally reach the very bottom?

I tried to approached the stone statue cautiously.

Then, the stone statue raised its head and its eyes flashed dangerously.

And, at the same time, from underneath the outermost wall of the underground space, a shining barrier-like something appeared and wrapped the whole underground space up in a hemispherical shape.

「What's that!?!」

When I tried to use【Appraisal】to that shining barrier-like something—

└─<Appraisal>—

|【Spatial Combat Protective Barrier】

|A barrier which doesn't let a shock go outside, |until it's released, it's impossible to escape.

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「Impossible to escape!?!」

I tried to use【Teleportation】as a test—

although it can be used inside the barrier, it can't be used to move outside!

This is dangerous!

I have to fight with my full strength!

First, I used【Appraisal】to the enemy.

└─<Status>—

|Race: Earth Golem

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|Level: 50

| HP: 23, 486

| MP: 3, 791

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| Power: 558 Endurance: 737

| Ability: 225 Magic power: 225

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| Skills

| Earth 5, Body reinforcement 5

| Body techniques 5

Dangerous, it's too dangerous!

Its level is higher than mine, its Power and Endurance is nearly twice as much as mine!

Its HP has reached up to five times as mine!

I'm going to get married after this fight.....

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It's a lie!

I can't die as a DT!!

I made full use of【Body reinforcement】magic,【Quick】and the like and began to run toward the boss!

Chapter 182: Tower of sunrise's underground's fourth floor's boss battle

I dashed toward the『Earth golem』and initiated the preemptive strike.

But, it put up its guard and repelled my sword.

In order to rebuild my stance, I took a distance with a back step but—

as if it was aiming at that, the Golem rapidly approached and threw a【right straight】.

I promptly guarded it with the sword of trial but—

I didn't manage to kill off the shock and had been blown away.

「Ouchh!」

I took an ukemi^[1] and quickly restored my stance but—

a big rock loomed in front of me!

「Really!?!」

When I jumped to the side with all my strength and dodged it—

the big rock passed by my side with a frightful momentum, it crashed against the Spatial Combat Protective Barrier and shattered along with a furious sound.

When I sensed【Danger】from behind and looked back—

the Golem was gliding on the floor and was approaching with frightful momentum.

Doesn't a Golem normally have dull movements!?

The Golem unleashed a【right straight】whilst riding the momentum.

It's no use to put up my guard.

I have to dodge it!

I concentrated my mind on the enemy's attack and barely dodged the【right straight】.

I sneaked into the Golem's chest, used the sword of trial to slash at the Golem's body and continued to escape to the side in order to avoid crashing against the Golem.

The Golem suddenly stopped and turned its body this way—
and greatly jumped backward, taking a distance.

What's up with it taking a distance that much?

The Golem lifted the floor underneath its feet with both hands, it rotated once with『gurun』the same way as in hammer throw and flung it away.

So the rock that flew a while ago was this attack!

Now, I have some room to spare in order to dodge it and prepare for the next attack.

Sure enough, immediately after the fling attack, it unleashed a【right straight】 again by approaching rapidly.

「It has only one attack pattern!」

I dodged the【right straight】the same way as a little while ago, sneaked into the Golem's chest and slashed at it.

Though I seem to be giving damage to some degree.....

when I used【appraisal】, its HP hadn't even reduced by 1% since it's so high.
orz 「This will become a prolonged fight.....」

And then, after dodging the【Stone floor fling attack】once again, when I was

going to do something.....

different from until now, the Golem stopped on its track and was shaking.

What happened?

When I observed to see what it is—

the Golem began to shine!

And then, the stone floor in the surrounding rose up with *crumble crumble* and wrapped the Golem up.

「What on earth is happening!?!」

The Golem who had been wrapped in stone floor had become a huge rock.

Then, it started to rotate slowly—

its rotational speed gradually sped up—

and the speed had become frightful like a spinning top.

「I-, It seems to be dangerous!」

click!!

As soon as the huge rock which was rotating rapidly flashed for a moment—
countless【stone pellets】shot out in all directions.

「Dangerous!」

I set up a barrier which blocks【Earth magic】at once.

However, the【stone pellets】broke through the barrier easily.

Damn it!

It's not【Earth magic】!?

I lowered my stance, guarded my face with my arms and received the countless flying【stone pellets】.

「It hurts!!」

The【stone pellets】continued to hit the various parts of my body.

Only the groin haven't been hit thanks to me lowering my stance but my whole body have been covered with wounds.

When the【stone pellets】which continued to be shot out for quite some time finally ceased—

My HP have been reduced by about half.

「I-, I thought I'm gonna die.....」

However, if I receive it again, I will surely be killed.

I mustn't receive that attack!

The Golem returned to its original appearance and resumed attacking after a brief pause.

However, in the same pattern as a little while ago—

it repeated its two attack pattern,

the approach then【right straight】and the take a distance then【Stone floor fling attack】.

「I've seen all of these attacks.」

I've adopted a counter-attack to the【right straight】, shaving off the Golem's HP little by little.

However, it stopped its feet and began to shake again.

「I'm not gonna let you do it!」

I drew near to the Golem who was trying to shoot the【Omnidirectional stone pellets】and attacked the defenseless Golem.

As I thought, the Golem continued to receive my attacks without doing anything.

However, with the stone floor covering the Golem, my attacks weren't able to inflict any damage to the Golem.

「Damn!」

The huge rock which engulfed the Golem began to rotate again.

「Dangerous, what to do, what to do!?!」

The【omnidirectional stone pellets】doesn't have any blind spot even from above since the【stone pellets】really flew out in every direction rather than 360 degrees.

Am I really going to die here?

However, I'm glad that I didn't bring those fellows here.

We will surely be wiped out if we received such attack.

Elena, Aya, Hilda and.....Lela too.

Though it was a short period, it was quite fun.....

Good-bye.....

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N—

Not a chance.....

I don't want to die!

I'm not gonna die as a DT!!

Think, there must be a way to survive!!

Pikon!

A light bulb lit up on top of my head for the first time in a long time.

「So there's a safe zone!!」

I moved to a certain spot with【teleportation】.

Immediately after I fell into this place, the『rock』which was rolling from behind me also fell!

I hid behind the『rock』.

The『rock』defended against【stone pellets】.

Countless【stone pellets】passed through near the side of my body and the vibration of【stone pellets】hitting the『rock』had been transmitted to my back.

「Phew, that was a close call!」

When I was waiting for the【stone pellets】to be over while hiding behind the『rock』—

I suddenly sensed【danger】

then dashed away from the『rock』.

Immediately after, the『rock』that I was hiding behind until awhile ago had been destroyed into pieces by the【right straight】of the Golem which had approached.

「Aah!!

The precious safe zone!!!」

[1] Art of falling safely

Chapter 183: Tower of sunrise's underground's fourth floor's boss battle 2

The safe zone rock had been destroyed.

I-, It's fine, I still have my hands.

First, I need to deal with its【Stone floor fling attack】.

I'll try to counterattack with a long-ranged attack whilst dodging it.

The first try,【Electric shock】.

After hitting the enemy, there was a sensation of electricity flowing into the ground from the body of the Golem but the Golem's HP almost hadn't decreased.

And then, I dodged the【right straight】and slashed at it as a counter.

「Ah, I've forgot to imbue magic power into the weapon!

It's because I was panicking.....」

The second try,【Water magic】.

I don't know why but the water vapor in the air can't be easily gathered.

Because it takes too much time to attack, it's rejected.

I've also rejected the【Ice magic】for the same reason.

When the【right straight】came again, I slashed at it with the sword of trial imbued with magic power.

Slash!

Oh, a slash with a pleasant feeling.

It seems to have given around 3 times damage than normal.

The third try,【Wind blade】.

The attack hit but it was only able to give about half of the normal attack's damage.

I need to consider the other ones, huh.

The Golem entered the stance of【omnidirectional stone pellets】.

I gave up on attacking this time and focused on defense.

I've placed both of my hands on the floor and tried to transform it with【Soil control】, the strategy is to create a wall.

However, the floor.....

didn't budge.

「Why!!?」

The floor here is probably under the control of the Golem.

After all, that fellow's【Earth magic】's level is higher than mine.

「This is bad!」

I desperately looked for a safe zone.

And then, it mercilessly shot the【omnidirectional stone pellets】.....

「It was dangerous.....」

I was able to escape into the safe zone in the nick of time.

Where is it located?

It was a place which had been in my view all this time. I wonder why I didn't notice?

It's just that I panicked.

It's behind the central『pillar』.

If it's this『pillar』, it will surely not be destroyed.

It will not be destroyed, right?

I was relieved to find a proper safe zone, I took out sweets from the inventory and restored my MP.

「Alright, let's counterattack!」

I dodged the【right straight】and slashed at it as a counter.

I moved toward its back with【Teleportation】when it used the【Stone floor fling attack】and slashed at its back when it had finished throwing.

Once it entered the preparation of【omnidirectional stone pellets】, I slashed at its defenseless spot.

At the end of it all, I slashed at it with the sword of trial imbued with all my magic power.

And then, once the【omnidirectional stone pellets】starts, I will take a short break behind the central pillar.

「It's no good when I was panicking at first but it's quite an easy victory.

I won't be afraid of anything anymore!」

However, it was then when the Golem's HP had been shaved off by 1/4.

The Golem began to stomp its foot on the ground causing a frightful tremor.

And then, the Golem attacked as its whole body became bright red.

Its speed becomes faster!

Its【right straight】becomes【one-two punch】!

However, I've dodged it somehow and made a counter.

Slash!

Huh? Is the Golem's body somewhat a little soft?

Does its speed rose while its defense dropped when it entered rage mode?

The【Stone floor fling attack】has thrown a total of two rocks with its right and left hand having one each.

However, there has been no problem since I've only moved behind it with【Teleportation】.

Since it entered the preparation of【omnidirectional stone pellets】, I kept on slashing at it.

Slash slash slashing at it felt good.

Then, the Golem began to shook in the middle of its preparation of the【omnidirectional stone pellets】.

Hm?

Is a different attack going to come again!?

When I took some distance and observed it.....

the golem's body began to collapse with *crumble crumble*.

What on earth has happened!?

『Level went up to 49.

【Earth magic】is now level 5.』

「Ee!？」

Ah,so I've defeated it!!

「Yay!! I've defeated it!!

But why did my【Earth magic】level up??」

To my soliloquy, someone answered.

『I'll explain that.』

「W-, Who is it!!?」

Then, a small girl of around 30 cm appeared from the Golem's wreckage.

「Spirit..... huh?」

「Oh, that's right. I'm the『Earth spirit』.」

That fellow is a ponytail girl that seemed to be doing a road construction.

Or rather, this fellow is an orekko^[1], huh.

「But I haven't used the summoning magic!？」

「This is a special case.」

When the『Earth spirit』said so, it kissed me on my forehead.

『【Earth magic】is now level 6.』

「Eee~~~!!?」

「With this, the contract has been established.」

「What's going on!!?」

「Because I helped out the Golem from earlier.

In other words, it has been deemed as having the ability to win in the fight of spirit contract.」

「I see.....」

「Well then, please take care of me from now on, 'kay!」

When the『Earth spirit』said so, it entered my body.

「Are you serious!?!」

I've freaked out by the sudden appearance of the『Earth spirit』but—
my whole body has been covered with wounds from the battle a little while ago.

I'll quickly go back after checking the Golem's loot.

When I removed the rock which formed the Golem, there was a magic stone.

└─<Appraisal>—┐

|【Magic stone of earth】

| It makes the surrounding land fertile | and accelerates the growth of the plants.

| The effect is enhanced when loaded with magic power | Rarity: ★★★★★

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Maximum rarity!?

Isn't this amazing!!?

When I stared at the magic stone—

Rattle rattle!

I've heard a sound of something from behind.

There's still something?

Looking back, a stone door appears in the central pillar and opens with *creak creak*.

When I approach and peek inside—

the inside of the pillar has become hallow and there's a spiral staircase towards the top.

「Good. I can go to the top with this.」

When I looked around, the【Spatial Combat Protective Barrier】had also been released.

Fatigue came on suddenly from feeling relieved of finding the stairs, I used【teleportation】where Elena and the others are waiting and returned to the inn.

Chapter 184: Dog-eared Elena?

「E-, Elena.....」

I've crept into Elena's room.

Elena is making a cute breathing as she sleeps soundly dressed in a negligee.

I went up to the bed where Elena is sleeping and dropped on Elena's breasts, burying my face.

「Hmm. Seiji-sama~.」

Elena moved her hands with her eyes closed and began to stroke my head on her breasts.

Is she half asleep?

「O-, Oh? Seiji-sama?」

Elena has finally noticed but she doesn't seem to have grasped the situation yet.

「S-, Seiji-sama, what happened?」

Elena asked me but.....

I didn't reply.

Actually, I've already lost consciousness by this time.

I've come to Elena's place to have her heal my wounds but.....

I've reached my limit when I was going to wake Elena up, my consciousness has flown away just like that.

My HP had been reduced by half, my MP had almost hit the bottom with the last【Teleportation】and since my fatigue had also reached its peak, it couldn't

be helped, right?

You may be asking, why are you aware of that in spite of losing consciousness?.....

I'm exactly in the midst of checking the video of the【tracking beacon】just now.

「S-, Seiji-sama! Seiji-sama!

Oh no! Your body is full of wounds!!」

Elena, with her clothes still disordered, began to cast recovery magic on me hastily.

I was having a dream this time.....

「Eh?

Why do you have dog ears, Elena?」

「What are you talking about, Seiji-sama?

I'm a dogman^[1] from the beginning desu yo~.」

Eh? Was it so?

As I was trying to remember desperately—

Peron!

「E-, Elena, what are you doing suddenly!?!」

Elena licked my face up with *peron*.

「Seiji-sama, for the dogmen, the act of『licking』is a proof of love~.」

「I-, Is that so?」

Ignoring me who was confused, the dog-eared Elena began to lick me with *pero pero*.

「Hold on a se-, Elena. I-, It's no good!」

Dog-eared Elena began to lick not only my face but from my neck to shoulder then to my chest.

When I noticed, I wasn't wearing any clothes!

「Hm!? M-, My clothes!?!」

「I stripped Seiji-sama's clothes off~.」

「W-, whaaat!!」

I thought that it was bad to remain naked and was about to get up but.....

my body couldn't move for some reason.

It's the thing called『sleep paralysis』.

Dog-eared Elena found it a good thing that my body couldn't move and kept on licking that place and this place.

B-, Bad!

As it is, my pyramid!!!

When I was having such a dream.....

Elena was healing my wounds with utmost effort.

And, she's going to take my clothes off which interferes with the treatment.

Are you really going to take my clothes off?.....

Elena held my unconscious upper body and stripped off my clothes.

And then, Elena.....

put her hands on my pants next!

Bad!!!

Elena unbuttons my pants, unzips it and tries to pull it off.

It's no good! My trunks will also slip down together with it with that kind of stripping.

My pants have been taken off.

And then.....

The next moment!

『It can't be viewed in order to not violate the【Private policy】.』

The video has been cut off.....

When the video returned—

Elena was casting recovery magic whilst having a bright red face.

And then, I was in a pair of trunks.

What on earth happened there!!!

When the treatment had been roughly finished, Elena was gasping for breath.

Did she use too much MP?

Or perhaps I should say, she seemed to have poured too much magic power into the recovery magic.

As a result, she might have spent a lot of MP than usual.

When Elena put me in a futon—

Elena also laid down in order to sleep.

The next morning.

「Elena-chan! Are you up yet?

Oniichan doesn't seem to be back yet!

Are you still sleeping, Elena-chan? I'm going to enter without permission~.」

Aya entered rudely without hearing Elena's reply.

「Elena-chan is still sleeping.....

O-, Oniichan!!!」

In front of Aya, there was my nude figure sleeping next to Elena.

Whack!

My Condition changed from『asleep』into『fainted』.

When I've woken up, my face hurts as if it was hit for some reason.

And then, Elena is giving me a lap pillow and casting recovery magic.

Elena seemed to have explained it to Aya in various ways, Aya looked apologetic.

「You've finally become conscious, Seiji-sama.」

「Eh? Why am I here?」

「You don't remember?

When Seiji-sama came back full of wounds in the middle of the night yesterday, I was really surprised.」

「From whom did you get injured, oniichan?」

「Uh, the enemy is the boss『Earth Golem』of the tower of sunrise's underground fourth floor.」

「Underground fourth floor!?

Was the enemy too strong?」

「It continued to fire inescapable AEO attacks inside a strange barrier that prevents anyone from escaping even with【teleportation】.」

「*Shriek!*

But, did you win?」

「That is natural!」

「Did the enemy drop something good?」

So you were worrying about the loot more than me earlier!

I took out the【Magic stone of Earth】from the inventory and handed it to Aya.

「Magic stone? What kind of magic stone is this?」

「It's called【magic stone of Earth】, it makes land fertile and accelerates the growth of plants.」

「Seiji-sama, please wait a moment.」

Elena suddenly stopped giving me a lap pillow, stood up and went somewhere.

What is it?

After a while, she came back with a small flowerpot.

A withered plant had been planted on the flowerpot.

「Let's try it with this, alright.」

When Aya brought the【magic stone of earth】close to the flowerpot—

The plant on the flowerpot gradually became healthy and regained its vibrant.

A small flower bud grew out.....

the small flower bud gradually expanded.....

the flower bud gradually opened and unwrapped.....

and a bright red flower bloomed!

「It's amazing!」 「Amazing!」

Elena had been fascinated—

Aya blinked her eyes with surprise.

Exactly at that moment, in the vicinity of that inn—

trees grew one after another , grasses sprung up with *rustle rustle* or some such. The mysterious phenomenon which cause was unknown had been witnessed by many.....

Chapter 185: Flower picking

After checking the effect of the【Magic stone of Earth】, everyone gathered inside Lela's room.

「Seiji! You're safe!!」

Lela approached with momentum to hug me—
she stopped midway, took my hand and shook it.

Strange Lela.

Hilda seemed to have also been worried, she tugged the hem of my clothes and looked up with a pleasant smile.

Hilda is so cute~. I'll pat her head.

Whilst having breakfast, I've talked about the tower of sunrise's underground to everyone.

「Then, after climbing up the stairs from the underground's fourth floor, we can go to the surface's fourth floor?」

「It's something like that, Lela.」

「Then, let's go there at once.」

Lela is very enthusiastic.

Well, it will be alright since I've already defeated the boss.

After eating breakfast, we got ready and headed to the tower of sunrise with【Teleportation】.

When we arrived at the space of the underground's fourth floor, Aya started

to be in high spirits.

「It's so wide!!」

Something fun, running around with frightful momentum, jumping, playing and generating a tornado.

「Aya~! Stop playing and let's go quickly~!」

「Yes!」

Aya came back with frightful momentum but—

she was gasping for breath and sweating profusely by playing too much.

Are you a child!?

Elena, Lela and Hilda were all amazed.

We climbed up the spiral staircase in the central pillar cautiously—

the stairs had been cut off right when we had climbed up to the surface's third floor and a strange room appeared.

There's only one door inside the room.

When I tried to open the door cautiously, the other side of the door turned out to be a room too—

and there was a『Goblin General』which wasn't moving as it slept.

When I used【Appraisal】—

apart from being not particularly high leveled, it also didn't have any special ability, it was a very common goblin general.

When I finished using【appraisal】and was preparing to fight—

Bang!

the door had automatically closed.

「Is it an automatic door!?!」

When everyone was paying attention to the door in surprise—

the door assimilated into the wall and disappeared.

I checked the wall where the door had disappeared but I couldn't find the door no matter how.

「It's one-way, huh.....」

Well, I can easily go to the other side of the door if I use【teleportation】.

I don't have any business there though since the other side of the door only lead to the underground's fourth floor so it's particularly fine.

When I approached the general carefully—

the general suddenly woke up and attacked!

When I promptly respond to its attack with the sword of trial—

the goblin general's head flew with a single stroke.

「Weak!」

Apparently, the surface's floors seem to be considerably weaker than the underground's.

「Mou, oniichan is unfair.

I want to kill too!!」

「Because I have the sword of trial, give me the prey for a while.」

「Mou, there's no helping it~.

Until the trial is over, 'kay~.」

Hilda finished dismantling and brought me a magic stone and equipment.

The magic stone was a【magic stone of biribiri +1】.

What a pity, keeping this should be cheap when sold.

When we were about to climb up to the fourth floor, immediately—

rumble rumble rumble

A sound of something can be heard from the wall.

This wall is a wall opposite to the wall with one-way door.

When I put myself on guard against what about to happen—

a part of the wall collapsed and a door appeared.

「What kind of door is it, Seiji-sama?」

「Hm, as far as I can see on the map, it should only lead to the third-floor passage.」

「Where are we going to go, oniichan?」

「Well, even if it's a one-way, we can return with【teleportation】so let's go.」

When I opened the door and advanced cautiously, we appeared on the third-floor passage as expected.

The door didn't disappear and one could come in and out normally.

It's completely insignificant for us but.....

even a normal adventurer without【teleportation】can now go to the fourth floor with this.

Let's report it to the adventurer's guild later.

「Let's go to the fourth floor quickly, oniichan.」

「Ou!」

We climbed up the stairs and went to the fourth floor.

On the fourth floor—

a grassland which overflows with brightness spread out.

「What's this!?

It's a grassland!!」

Aya started to run again.

She's completely a kid.....

Elena finds the flowers blooming and does a『flower picking』with Hilda.

Lela watches over Elena and is wary whether there is no enemy.

There doesn't seem to be an enemy nearby for the time being.

「Elena, try using this.」

I took out a certain magic stone from the inventory and handed it to Elena.

「Seiji-sama, is this by any chance the one from this morning.....」

When Elena seemed to be glad and bloomed with a smile, she brought the magic stone close to a flower bud that had yet to bloom.

Then—

The flower bud unwrapped and its flower bloomed—

and like a ripple spreading out, the one side of the flower carpet.....

spread throughout the entire grassland.

「Uwawa!!」

Big and small varicolored flowers stretched out as far as the eye could see—
and the fragrant floral scent spread throughout the area.

「What's this!? What did you do, Elena-chan!？」

「Uhh..... I.....

just only brought the【magic stone of earth】close to the flower and poured magic power.」

Although it has been stated that『the effect is enhanced when loaded with magic power』, to produce a widespread effect like this.....

is amazing, huh.

All the girls are admiring the flower carpet that stretched as far as the eye could see.

「Let's take a break here.」

I took out a leisure sheet and prepared tea and sweets.

「Wow, it's flower viewing.」

Aya's tension is strange.....

Everyone sits on the leisure sheet, eats sweets and drinks tea whilst appreciating the flowers.

We enjoyed the flower viewing for a while.....

Multiple red dots which indicates【danger】were approaching.

Chapter 186: Parade

The ones approaching us who were having a flower viewing—
were『bees』.

Did they come here to take nectar from the flowers which suddenly bloomed?

「They're huge!」

Although we saw their size properly as they approached, they were huge the size of a handball.

The result when I tried to use【appraisal】is that they are called【Great bees】and their levels are quite low.

「Since I'll take it from here, be at ease everyone.」

「Go for it, oniichan!」

Receiving Aya's encouragement, I started the bee subjugation in high spirits.

.....It's fun!

I fascinatingly slashed at the bees which flew continuously in large quantities.

I've been caught up in the moment and kept on slashing.....

and the bees had been exterminated en route.

「Shit, despite all that, it still needs one more monster.」

There was one more monster remaining on the sword of trial.

「There's also one or so monster left flying towards here~.」

Perfect, a bee is flying towards here.

It's slightly larger than the ones until now and its color is also a little dark.

「Oh!? The last monster really came!」

When I slashed that one enthusiastically into two—

the【sword of trial】began to shine.

「Did you finish the trial, oniichan?」

「It seems so.」

「Congratulations, Seiji-sama.」

The light has settled down and the appraisal result shows『Trial: completed』.

I have to go to ojii-san's place quickly!

Hilda dismantled alone the bees I've defeated and brought to me the【Earth reinforcement magic stone】and【Bee's stingers】.

What a hard worker. I'll pat her head.

「Then, let's return.」

「N? Return?」

「We have to report to the guild that one can go to the fourth floor now.」

「Oh really~?」

After somehow persuading Aya who seemed to be going to rampage, we returned to the town.

We went to the adventurer's guild.

When I sold the magic stones and materials before, I had been led to the warehouse at the back of the guild since the quantity was large.

The ones I've sold were as follows: <Underground first floor>

- Small fries

【red slime's nucleus】120A x 25 pieces, 【red slime's nucleus +1】500A x 5 pieces, and 【magic stone of ignition】200A x 5 pieces.

▪ Boss rooms

【Musasabi Slime's nucleus】500A, 【magic stone of gentle wind】100A, 【Darkness Slime's nucleus】500A, 【Darkness reinforcement magic stone +1】30A, and 【Flame Slime's nucleus】2, 000A.

Subtotal: 7, 830A

<Underground second floor>

▪ Small fries

【Great scorpion】300A x 22 monsters, 【Reinforced great scorpion】1, 200A x 5 monsters, 【Flame great scorpion】1, 200A, and 【Mud great scorpion】1, 200A.

▪ Boss room

【Sickle Scorpion】6, 000A Subtotal: 21, 000A

<Surface's third floor>

【Goblin General】2, 000A

Subtotal: 2,000A

<Surface's fourth floor>

【Bee's stinger】5A x 31 monsters, 【Earth reinforcement magic stone】10A, and 【Bee's stinger +1】40A.

Subtotal: 205A

The scorpion of the underground's second floor hadn't been dismantled and had been sold as it is.

I've decided to not sell and keep the three kinds of『Eels』from the underground's third floor, the【magic stone of oil】and【magic stone of Earth】.

The price of the goods which I've gotten on the surface's floors is cheap as expected~.

In the end, it became a total of 31, 035A.

After that, we had been guided to the guild leader's room for the surface's fourth floor report.

「If it isn't Lela-sama.

Welcome.」

A short ossan who seems to be timid is fawning over Lela.

「I came to report that we have found the stairs to the fourth floor.」

「What!!?」

Just in case, I asked Lela to make the report on our behalf since she's a celebrity but.....

「As one would expect!

Our hero, iron wall Lela!!」

Lela had become the one who discovered the fourth floor.

Oh well.

「This news is the best news for this town.

Therefore, in order to inform them of Lela-sama's achievement—we're going to hold a『parade』, would that be alright?」

「What to do, Seiji?」

Don't dump it to me, Lela.

「I think that it's particularly fine.」

「T-, That's right!

So it will be held!」

「Thank you very much!

I'll start the preparations at once!!

Since it will be held tomorrow at noon, I look forward to working with you.」

「Ah!」

「What is it, Seiji?」

「We won't be able to participate since we're going to return by today.」

「N!?!」

「There's no need to worry.

Since the only one needed to come is Lela-sama, your companions don't need to partake.」

「That's right, Lela. We'll leave the『parade』to you.」

「H-, Hmm.」

After leaving everything to Lela—
we returned to Japan to escape.

The next day.

The discovery of the tower of sunrise's fourth floor's『parade』seemed to be held on a large scale in Ikebu town.

Chapter 187: Imouto

We have returned to Japan.

I'd left the sword of trial since it will take three days for it to be reforged.

I'm looking forward to how the forging will turn out when I go there next week.

I had everyone gathered in the living room.

「What are we going to do now, Oniichan?」

「We're now going to make【Curse dispelling potion】.」

「N? You've gathered everyone just because of that?」

「Ah. Just watch.」

「Well, alright but.....」

I've begun to make【curse dispelling potion】whilst everyone is watching.

The three【curse dispelling potions +2】were completed in a few minutes without any particular problems too.

└─<Appraisal>─┐

|【Curse dispelling potion +2】

| When sprinkled over something cursed | it can dispel the curse.

| Rarity: ★★★★★

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「It has been completed normally but what are you going to do with this?」

「First, let's use it on Hilda.」

「M-, Me??」

I spread out a bath towel on the table and laid Hilda on it.

「Oniichan, you're not going to do something strange to Hilda, are you?」

「What strange thing!?!」

And I slowly—

dripped a bit of【curse dispelling potion +2】on the【Slave Collar】that coiled around Hilda's neck.

「Hau!」

Hilda utters a strange cry.

「Are you okay?」

「Y-, Yes..... I-, I'm fine.」

I carefully and gradually poured the curse dispelling potion drop after drop.

「Hiyauu!」

Hilda's cheeks have been dyed in bright red, she's breathing roughly and bends her body loosely back and forth with *moji moji*.

It somehow dreadful how it feels like we're doing something naughty....

And when I poured the last drop.....

「AAAAaa---!」

Hilda bends her body like a prawn^[1] and she is trembling with *bikun bikun*.

「O-, Oniichan!」

「I-, I only poured the curse dispelling potion.」

At that moment!

Snap!

A sound of something broken could be heard.....
and the slave collar fell smoothly from Hilda's neck!
Hilda is completely exhausted whilst breathing heavily with *haa haa*.
「Are you okay, Hilda?」
「Y-, Yes.....」

When I tried to use【appraisal】on the【slave collar】—
└─<Appraisal>──
|【Leather collar】
|A collar made with a monster's leather.
|Rarity: ★
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The curse has been removed and it becomes a【leather collar】!

And then, I try to use【Appraisal】on Hilda this time.
└─<Status>─
|Name: Hilda
|Occupation: Magician
|Condition: Normal
|
|Level: 3
|HP: 158
|MP: 239
|
|Power: 10 Endurance: 9
|Ability: 15 Magic power: 19

|

| Skills

| Fire 2 Short blade techniques 1

| Dismantling 3

「I did it, the slavery had been lifted!」

「「Eh!!?」」

Aya and Elena are surprised while Hilda is stunned.

The condition became『normal』and the occupation changed from『slave』to『magician』.

The stats have also risen from when I saw them before.

Is it because of the occupation change?

「Can you explain what does it mean, oniichan?」

「That's right, I've never heard of a freed slave before.」

「Okay, I'll explain!

When I used【Appraisal】on Hilda before, she had a『Condition: Cursed(slavery)』.

In other words~. Slavery is nothing but a kind of curse.

It can be cure with【curse dispelling potion】, right?」

「I see~」

While having such a talk—

a large teardrop had been accumulated at the corner of Hilda's eyes and she burst into tears with *egu egu*.

「What's wrong, Hilda?」

「S-, Seiji-sama.....

don't throw me away!」

Hilda burst into tears with *wan wan*.

「I will not throw Hilda away.」

I drew Hilda close and continued to pat her head.

「Because, the slave contract was the『bond』between Seiji-sama and me but.....

I've become alone again.」

I see..... Hilda thinks of her slave contract with me in that way, huh.....

「I'm sorry for lifting the slave contract selfishly without asking you, Hilda.」

「I know that you had done it with my circumstances in mind, Seiji-sama.

B-, But.....」

「Alright, I understand!

Then, Hilda is my imouto from this day!」

「I-, Imouto?」

「Oh, exactly right!

If it's keimai^[2], the bond is much stronger than slavery, right?

Then, is it fine?」

「Uh, err..... well then.....

can I call you『oniichan』too?」

「Of course, sure thing!」

「O-, Oniichan.....」

「What is it? Imouto.」

Hilda burst into tears again and leaped into my chest.

I continued to pat Hilda's head until she was satisfied.

「Hilda-chan, if you have become oniichan's imouto~
you're going to be my imouto as well, right?」

When Hilda finally calmed down, Aya said so whilst patting Hilda's head.

「Aya-sama as oneechan?」

「Will you be my imouto, Hilda-chan?」

「Yes! Aya-sama.」

「It's not 'Aya-sama', right?」

「A-, Aya oneechan.....」

Aya and Hilda stared at each other with a smile.

「Me too! I'll become your oneechan, Hilda!」

Elena pats Hilda's head too.

「Even Elena-sama!?」

「It's not 'Elena-sama', it's oneechan!」

「Y-, Yes! E-, Elena oneechan!」

And then, Aya, Elena, and Hilda—

forever and eternally—

hugged each other.

[1] Something like this: Praw bend [2] Older brother and younger sister

Arc 12: Mai-san's Secret

Chapter 188: Okaa-san and Obaa-san

The next day after my imouto increased to three—

I went to the hamburger shop near the junior college where Aya attends.

「I'm sorry to keep you waiting, onii-san.」

「Ossu, onii-chan~.」

Mai-san has something to discuss and sets up a meeting.

However, although Mai-san is calling me『onii-san』.....

should I propose『become my imouto』to her?

「Actually, when I mentioned onii-san to okaa-san, I've been told to bring you to the house.」

「No problem, I also wanted to ask her about various things too.」

「Iya~, it's a fast talk which saved me a lot of trouble.

Then, follow me.」

「Eh, now!?!」

I've pretended to go to the bathroom to return home for a moment and explained the situation to Elena and Hilda.

It might be better for Elena and Hilda to have a mobile phone or smartphone too~.

Mai-san's house is located in a place a short distance away from Kochijoji

Station.

There's a big house where history is felt.

「Onee-chan, welcome ho~me.

Eh? Visitors?」

What greeted us at the entrance—

was a little girl who looked just like Mai-san.

「N!? Mai-san's twin sister?

.....

No, I'm not going to be tricked!!

You're Mai-san's okaa-san!」

「.....hehehe.....

How admirable of you to have seen through it!

Right! I'm Mai's okaa-san!!

As expected of the man who beat Mai!」

What farce is this.....

Her actual age is probably around 40 years old but—

both her appearance and behavior are on the same level as a 10-year-old child.....

「Stop it, okaa-san. It's embarrassing.」

「Oh, isn't it fine. It's a normal thing, isn't it?」

You always do such a thing, huh.

But, they look exactly alike.

I've heard that they've been mistaken for sisters but—

they've been mistaken for twin sisters, huh.....

「Although I'm embarrassed to say, this is my okaa-san.」

Mai-san's okaa-san respectfully bows while pressing three fingers of each of her hands on the floor.^[1]

「Well, since it's hard to talk while standing, please come in.」

Mai-san's okaa-san welcome us inside while having a dark smile.

「Have you had dinner yet? Please eat.」

Umu, it seems to be a very common Japanese dining table but.....

the figure which is preparing dinner quickly looks like an elementary student trying to help.

「Really, I didn't expect that you were this young.」

「Ara ara, you're such a flatterer, ohohoho.」

No no, realize that it's not a compliment!

It already somewhat felt like playing house.

「Nonetheless, as I've heard from Mai, I can sense that you have a frightful 'ki'.」

「Ki?」

「Ah, even though I've said I can sense your ki, I can only tell so because I'm with Mai.」

Because Mai-san can sense magic, is that it?

「I also want to fight a person who seems to be so strong once.」

「Okaa-san!」

「I understand~

even without making such scary face, I wouldn't do such a thing thoughtlessly for my age too ~.」

「By the way, does obaa-san not come?」

「That reminds me, you've said that you wanted to hear the story of our obaa-san.

I'm going to call her out now.」

「Good evening, I'm Mai-san's obaa-san.」

What appeared is an ordinary human.

She's refined and seems to be a little young to be called obaa-san.

However, when looking at these three people, no matter how you look at them, nothing but an obaa-san and twin grandchildren can be seen.

「Let's talk later, please help yourself.」

As we've been offered, we accepted and partook of the meal.

Every dishes that little girl okaa-san cooked were delicious, it seems to be what they called the『taste of mom's cooking』.

A mystery because despite her appearance, she seemed to be a person of suitable age when seeing this part of hers.

That reminds me, are Elena and Hilda having a meal properly?

When I checked the tracking beacon's video, Elena and Hilda ordered a pizza delivery and were eating with great relish while they were stretching the cheese with *nyoro~n*.

When we finished eating and drinking a cup of tea—

「While taking a rest, I'll tell you an old tale.」

obaa-san began to talk.

Going back exactly 40 years ago.....

When the young obaa-san was on her way home and was walking down the street at night which had become a little dusky—

she heard a sound like a beast's groan from a grove of mixed trees where she happened to passed by.

She was very scared but badly curious for some reason—

she peered into the grove of mixed trees cautiously.

Then—

an oni was there.

Although one might say it was an oni, it only had 1 horn and apart from that, it looked like a normal person.

And that oni was crouching down and growling in pain.

After she approached further—

somehow or another, this oni seemed to be injured.

Obaa-san returned home hastily and brought a first aid kit.

At that time, obaa-san seemed to be going to school to become a nurse and seemed to have a bit knowledge about nursing.

When obaa-san approached in order to treat the oni, the oni uttered words which obaa-san didn't understand and intimidated her.

But still, obaa-san somehow managed to convey with gestures that she was going to perform treatment and she treated the oni.

And when obaa-san finished the treatment and was about to go home—

the oni suddenly grabbed obaa-san's arm and she couldn't get away.

But obaa-san didn't understand its language, she guessed what it said was it wants her to stay with it and stood beside the oni for a little while.....

And then, this and that happened.....

like stamen and pistil *bleep bleep*.....

It was morning when a sparrow was tweeting with *chirp chirp*, Obaa-san who had unknowingly slept woke up

However, the figure of the oni was gone—

what left in the place were—

a mantle which covered obaa-san as a futon when she was sleeping—

a paper which was made with some kind of skin—

and a pendant placed on that paper as a stone weight for it to not be blown away.

The pendant had a medal which had something like a family crest drawn on it.

And a paper on which characters of unknown language are written.

「My story is such.

Well, please pay it no heed, it's just an idle talk of an old person.」

So there are things the oni had left behind.....

they are going to be clues.

「Can you show me that things it had left behind?」

「Yes, it's fine.」

Obaa-san brought out an old wooden box and showed me the three things inside.

「Excuse me, I'll look at them.」

First, the mantle.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Demon Lord's mantle】

|A mantle which can only be worn by the Demon Lord.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

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Uwa!

Although I thought it might be possible but the『Demon Lord』!?

Next, the pendant.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Demon Lord's pendant】

|A pendant which has the crest of the Demon Lord drawn on it.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

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With this, it's definitely clear.

Finally, the paper on which characters are written.

Or perhaps I should say, this is『Demon Language』!

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| To the human girl whom I don't know the name either.

|

| Thank you for treating my wounds.

| I must go home soon,

| I've left behind a pendant as thanks for the treatment.

| If you're in trouble,
| come to the demonkind's town with this.
| I'll come to help.

|

| from Demon Lord

It's somewhat a macho composition.

「You can read this letter!?!」

Obaa-san is surprised.

「Actually, I've met someone who could be this person.

I'm going to meet that person again this time—

Is it fine for me to take a picture of these?」

「Yes, I don't mind.」

I took pictures of the cloak, pendant, and the letter.

「Since I want to show them to the other party, may I take a picture of obaa-san as well?」

「No, please forgive me.

I don't want for that person to see this old appearance of mine.

Take this instead.....」

As obaa-san said so, she held out a picture.

It was a picture of obaa-san at the age of around 20 years old.

I took the picture from obaa-san—

and decided to meet the Demon Lord.

However, what kind of face would the Demon Lord make when I show him these.

I'm really looking forward to it!

Chapter 189: Circle of blessing

During the week when I got the information of the Demon Lord from Mai-san's obaa-san, a problem had occurred.

At the hospital where I went for a periodical treatment of my left hand which got stabbed by the stalker man, they were very surprised that my left hand has been completely cured.

It was because it has also been cured together when I had Elena to treat me after clearing the tower of sunrise's underground.

Such things as X-Ray and CT Scan and taking blood samples have been inspected attentively but—

I've been able to cover it up somehow since it was originally almost healed.

And then, Saturday.

We've made various preparations and went to the other world.

Before anything else, we went to ojii-san's smith first.

「Hello.」

「Oh, so it's you. The sword is ready.」

I received the sword, it had become somewhat lighter than before.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Sword of trial +1】

|A sword used to impose a trial

|It absorbs the user's habit and becomes strong.

|Ability: Raises the power of【Wind blade】

|Rarity: ★★★★★

| Trial: Monster subjugation 0/100

Not only its sharpness has increased—

it has an『Ability^[1]』attached to it as well!

『Raises the power of【Wind blade】』!?

I want to try!

「Do you want to try it? It's written all over your face.」

When I nodded my head, ojii-san prepared a straw post in the backyard.

「Here I go!」

When an about 10 meter【Wind blade】flew out in front of me, the straw post had been sliced off diagonally and slipped down.

And then, the【Wind blade】continued to fly and struck against behind a cliff, making a big hole.

Amazing!

「There seems to be no problem.

Alright, the next trial is 300 monsters.

Well, do it slowly.」

「Yes!」

Does the number of monsters to defeat in the trial gradually increases?

As expected, it seems to be impossible to clear it in a day.

So like he said, I'll do it slowly.

「I have to get ready to go to the wedding of an acquaintance now.

If you don't have any other business, see you again next time.」

「Is it by any chance Bunmi-san's wedding?」

「Oh, that's right.

What? You were an acquaintance of that fellow, huh.」

Since ojii-san said that he's going after getting ready, we went ahead to Bunmi-san and Cassandra-san's place.

「Congratulations, Bunmi-san and Cassandra-san.」

「Seiji, I'm glad that you've come.」

「Seiji, you've come.」

The wedding has been held in a slightly wide room of the Demon Lord's castle but—

there wasn't any ceremony-like thing in particular, and the guests who visited the place were just eating and drinking adequately.

「This is a congratulatory gift.」

I've presented liquors and cake that I've brought from Japan.

The liquors are sake, sochu, whiskey, brandy, wine, vodka and so forth.

I've placed a large 2 tier cake on the table.

「What are these!?!」

「These are liquors from my hometown.」

「The white one over there is?」

「That's called『cake』. A confection eaten in times of celebration in my hometown.」

The cake and liquors were also very popular with the other guests as well.

「You didn't invite Rachel-san and Misha-san here, Cassandra-san?」

「Un.....

I didn't invite those guys because they're far.」

I see, they're in Nippo town and in the developing village next to it.

Both communication and travel take time, they won't make it here in a week, huh.....

It seemed Aya, Elena, and Hilda were eating with great relish, I left the wedding venue after excusing myself for a while.

And then, I went to Nippo town with【Teleportation】!

「Oh, Seiji. I'm glad that you've come.」

「Hello, I've come to borrow Misha-san.」

「N? What do you mean?」

Yadda-yadda!

「Then, I'm going as well!」

Rondo and Misha joined the circle of friends!

Next, to Rachel-san's place!

「Seiji, I'm glad that you've come.

Huh? Even Rondo-sama and Misha are present, is there something?」

Yadda-yadda!

「I see,

It seems I will be able to see Cassandra's surprised face.

I suppose I should go too.」

Rachel-san joined the circle of friends!

I went back to the wedding venue with the three people.

「I'm back and brought someone along.」

「Misha!

Rachel!

Even Rondo-sama!」

Cassandra-san who is usually detached was surprised that her eyes turned round.

「Come on, go there too Hilda.」

「Yes!」

Urged by me, Hilda jumped into the circle of blessing.

The reunited『Magician unit』and the boss Rondo talked happily after a long time.

However, Rachel is—

「Hilda!

The collar, what happened!?!」

It seems she has noticed the missing【Slave collar】on Hilda's neck.

「Onii...Seiji-sama took it off.」

「Took it off!? How!!?」

So, are you alright, Hilda?」

「I'm alright, nothing's wrong.

Besides.....

Seiji-sama, Aya-sama, and Elena-sama made me their imouto.」

「「「「W-, Whaaat!!」」」」

「But, Seiji.....

can also use transference magic—

even taking【Slave collar】off.....

What kind of person are you?」

Since it seemed to be troublesome in various ways—

I pretended not to notice and stuffed my mouth with the food of the wedding ceremony.

Chapter 190: Kabe-don

I also waited until the wedding settled down considerably—

「Bunmi-san, do you know what these are?」

I tried to show the photo of the items that Mai-san's obaa-san have to Bunmi-san.

「It's quite an elaborate picture.

N? I may have seen this somewhere before.....

Oh, I see!

The mantle looks similar to the Demon Lord-sama's mantle.」

「As I've thought!」

「Is something wrong with this picture?」

「No no, I'll tell you later when I understand the matters in details.」

Kukuku.....

This has become interesting.

「That reminds me, did you not invite the Demon Lord-sama into your wedding?」

「Of course, he has been invited.

He'll come shortly.」

「Is that so, I'm looking forward to it~.」

While having such a talk—

as if he took a careful aim, the Demon Lord-sama made an appearance.

「Demon lord-sama!

Welcome!」

Bunmi-san and Cassandra-san respectfully received him.

「You are, Seiji!

You've come as well, huh.」

The Demon Lord suddenly called out to me.

「Cassandra-san is my acquaintance.

And I fought together with Bunmi-san.」

「I see.....」

The Demon Lord-sama seems to be somewhat having difficulty to speak.....

I'll just provide a topic.

「By the way, Demon Lord-sama.

Please have a look at this picture, what do you think of this person?」

「Amazing.....

It's a delicate and elaborate picture.」

「Well, because it's a photo.」

「『Photo』is a very skillful painter.」

Since it's troublesome, I'll abstain from explaining.

「That's not what I meant, don't you find the mantle and the pendant familiar?」

「Now that you mentioned it.....

This mantle looks similar to my mantle.

The pendant.....

Isn't that crest the Demon Lord's crest!?

Who did such a thing without permission!?!」

Huh?

These things should be belonged to the Demon Lord, doesn't the Demon Lord know?

When I'm lost in thought about the behavior and words of the Demon Lord—
someone spoke from the side.

「These things belongs to the previous Demon Lord.」

It was the ojii-san of the weapon shop.

「This is the swordsmith・Masamune-dono.」

「Oh, are you doing well boy?」

Masamune!!?

The weapon shop's ojii-san has such a great name!!?

Besides, he called the Demon Lord『boy』!!

「Stop calling me boy, I'm already the Demon Lord.」

It seems this ojii-san have been a considerably great person.

「60 years old is still a boy.」

Eh, so the Demon Lord is 60 years old.....

Eh? The life span of the demonkind is four times than that of the humans,
right?

So that means, a 60-year-old demonkind is equivalent to a 15-year-old in
terms of humans?

15 years old!?

「You are 60 years old, Demon Lord!?!」

「Oi, Seiji. Don't call me without honorifics.」

「What, so you guys are acquainted with each other?

That reminds me, you came to me with the Demon Lord's introduction, hm.」

Uh-oh, we've been digressing by the Demon Lord's age.

「Ojii-sa...Masamune-san,

Do you recognize this pendant?」

「Oh, this pendant—

is something I made for the previous Demon Lord.」

「So that means, this mantle also belonged to the previous Demon Lord-sama.」

「That's right, he was indeed using such a mantle in the olden days.」

I see, Mai-san's ojii-san is.....

While having such a talk—

the wedding venue has abruptly begun to stir.

「The previous Demon Lord-sama has come!」

When a soldier said so to the people inside the venue—

the inside of the venue fell silent as if it have been struck by water.

And then, a huge demonkind with sinister atmosphere grandly appeared.

All the demonkind line up,

and the Demon Lord too, lowers his head and welcomes that person.

「I've come, Bunmi.」

「Th-, This is the previous Demon Lord-sama!

You came all the way here...」

Bunmi-san prostrates himself on the ground.

「Yoi yoi, dispensed with these formal greetings.」

The age of the previous Demon Lord doesn't seem to be that much.

If it's the previous Demon lord, the attitude is different, huh!

Umu.

The previous Demon Lord seems to be a genuine Demon Lord, huh.....

Compared to it, the current Demon Lord—

is at best a mid-boss.

「Yo, previous Demon Lord. You barely made it before.」

「Masamune, you've also come, huh.」

Masamune-san seems to be close to the previous Demon Lord-sama as expected.

「What's with this liquor!? Try drinking it, previous Demon Lord.」

「Oh, this is delicious!

Oi Bunmi, where did you get this liquor from!?!」

「Yes, a human called Seiji brought it.」

The previous Demon Lord and Masamune-san look at me with eyes like they found a prey.....

Should I go home now~?

「Oi, Seiji is it? Come over here.」

The previous Demon Lord-sama beckons me with a huge sinister smile.

「Yes, what is it?」

「Who are you?」

「Well.....

I'm an acquaintance with the bride, Cassandra-san.」

「.....」

The previous Demon Lord scrutinized me all over without saying anything.

Is he going to kill me?

「Where did you get this liquor?」

「It's a liquor from my hometown.」

「I see!

Does the human country have this liquor if I go there?」

「No, that's not it.

My hometown is『Japan』.」

「Japan? I haven't heard that name before.」

「Eh? Did you not come to『Japan』before, previous Demon Lord-sama?」

「No, I haven't been to such a place.」

Huh? Isn't that strange?

「Then, do you not recognize this woman?」

When I showed him the photo of Mai-san's obaa-san in her youth—

「T-, This person!?

Where is this person!!?」

The previous Demon Lord-sama suddenly came attacking me—

I, by the previous Demon Lord-sama—

had been『kabe-don^[1]』.....

[1] Kabe-don

Chapter 191: The little human girl

「As I've thought, it was the previous Demon Lord-sama, huh.

The『oni』who showed in Japan 40 years ago.」

「So, Japan or something.....

40 years ago?

The human girl of this picture.....」

The previous Demon Lord-sama has been lost in thought.

Or rather, be lost in thought after I get out of this kabe-don situation!

「I see, the place that time was『Japan』, huh.

How can I go to Japan?」

「You managed to come on your own but you don't know how?」

「That's because I used the【Magic stone of emergency escape】at that time.」

「What kind of magic stone is that?」

「Although you can escape immediately, you don't know where the magic stone will transfer you.」

What, that's a dangerous magic stone!

It's fine since I can use【Teleportation】but.....

「Why did you use such a dangerous magic stone?」

「That's——」

The previous Demon Lord began to talk about the events happened 40 years ago.

「Do you know the race called devil-kin?」

「I haven't encountered one before.」

「The war of demonkind and devil-kin has continued for more than 1, 000 years.」

Is it something like elves and dark elves?

「Although the devil-kin has power weaker than the demonkind, they frequently attacked us using cowardly means.」

So the Devil-kin is the brain faction, huh.

「One day, 40 years ago—

the devil-kin had cowardly abducted a demonkind child.」

Abducting a child, their cowardice knows no bounds.

「We were going to form a large-scale search party but—

I went to the rescue alone without listening to everyone to hold back.」

「It was a trap, wasn't it?」

「Yes, it was the devil-kin's trap.....」

The previous Demon Lord-sama is quite a muscle-brain, huh.

「I was able to easily save the child.

However, there was—

a trap set in many layers as well as the fact that I was carrying the child so I could only run away as expected.

And finally, I and the child whom I'd saved were surrounded by a lot of traps and devil-kin, there was nothing more that could be done.」

「So, we used the【Magic stone of emergency escape】.」

「I see.」

Rather than being caught, he prioritized escaping immediately even though he didn't know where he will be transferred, huh.

「However, whilst using【magic stone of emergency escape】, we were struck by lightning.」

「Lightning strike? Did the devil-kin used【Lightning magic】?」

「I don't know, it was also raining so it might have been a natural lightning.」

Lightning strike?

Something's fishy.

「And then, when I noticed I was in an unknown forest and there wasn't any figure of devil-kin around—

the child whom I'd saved wasn't there either.....

Only myself has been transferred away somewhere, that child had been left behind to the devil-kin.」

That forest was Japan, huh.

「Then it was the story that I've learned afterwards—

when the search party rushed in, the devil-kin had already withdrawn—

it seems that the kidnapped child could also not be found in the end.」

The people around has also been listening attentively to the story of the previous Demon Lord-sama.

Is it by any chance a famous story amongst the demonkind?

「In an unknown forest, I was injured and couldn't move.

And what appeared there was a human girl.」

That person was Mai-san's obaa-san, huh.

「That girl fled as soon as she saw me.

It will probably call an adult.

In the end, I will be killed by humans with this wound, were my thoughts.

I was prepared for death.

But, the human girl came back all alone.

She brought a healing tool.」

Then,

he told that the little girl's healing method that didn't employ magic was wonderful, and his conversation with that little girl.

The previous Demon Lord-sama.....

wraps it up in a little bit more oblaa^[1]t as the women are listening too.

「By the way, previous Demon Lord-sama.

How did you come back from that place?」

「I used the【Magic stone of return】.」

「N?

It's not【magic stone of emergency escape】but【magic stone of return】?」

「You also don't know what a【magic stone of return】either, huh.

【magic stone of return】is a precious magic stone but—

the magic stone will break once you use it. It's a magic stone which can return the user to where he last slept.」

「Then, when you escaped away from the devil-kin, you should've used the【magic stone of return】and not the【magic stone of emergency escape】, right?」

「Unfortunately, the【magic stone of return】is for only one person's use.

I can't return with the rescued child.」

I see, because of that.....

「So, the forest where I met that human girl is『Japan』?」

「Yes.」

「And, you also came from there.

Where is『Japan』located?」

「I've been going back and forth with magic as well.

It can't be reached by foot.」

「Then, take me to『Japan』.」

「I-, Impossible.

When a demonkind appeared in Japan, it will cause an uproar.」

「Then, bring the human girl!」

Seriously!?

「U-, Uhh.....

I'll ask that person.」

「Please!」

Bring Mai-san's obaa-san here?

Will she come?

「For now, can I take your picture?」

「Take a picture? What do you mean?」

「Like what I've shown you a little while ago, it's something like a magic that can make elaborate pictures.」

「Oh, that seems to be interesting, let's try it.」

In order to show it to Mai-san's obaa-san—

I took a picture of the previous Demon Lord-sama.

The figure of the previous Demon Lord-sama displayed on the smartphone really looks like Mai.

I've been asked to take several pictures with various poses.....

Chapter 192: Slippery.....

Afterwards, since the previous Demon Lord-sama and Masamune-san had rampage from excessive drinking, the wedding venue had become a mess.

The previous Demon Lord-sama in particular.

He said that Aya's black eyes and black hair resembled that little human girl in the olden days and chased her around. He had received a lot of counterattacks.

We who had left the wedding venue in a partially-destroyed state decided to stay at the Demon Lord's castle.

All four of the former magician unit including Hilda have stayed in the same room, they seem to be having various talk until late at night.

Is the bridal night alright, Cassandra-san?

The next morning.

After sending Rondo, Rachel-san and Misha-san to their respective towns—

We decided to go to the『Mita forest』.

The forest has been located a short walk away from the town.

At the entrance of the forest—

a signboard stood with『It's dangerous to enter! Monsters have become ferocious』written in Demonkind language.

Well, I'll enter anyway.

And before that—

「Hilda, I'll give you something good.」

「What is it?」

「Ta-dah, the【magic stone of oil】!」

「This magic stone is somewhat slippery.」

「Oniichan, you shouldn't give something strange to Hilda-chan!」

「The【magic stone of oil】is not something strange.」

「Is it an all-you-can-eat tempura?」

「It's probably not an edible oil, I think.」

「Whaat, so it's not an all-you-can-eat karaage.」

Aya let the magic stone go.....

when she did something like that, it slid in Hilda's hand and almost dropped the magic stone.

「It's hard to hold as it is, huh.....」

Wait a moment.」

I took out several 1A copper coins, shaped them with【metal control】and made a rod.

Then, I mounted the【magic stone of oil】on tip of the rod.

「Your hands will not become slippery with this.」

「Thank you very much.」

Hilda and my hands that had become slippery have been washed with【Water magic】and hand soap.

「Alright, then, try to use ignition.」

「Y-, yes.」

With a tense look on her face, Hilda used【Ignition】magic toward the magic stone on the tip of the rod.

whoosh!

The magic stone on the tip of the rod burst into flames like a torch.

「I-, It has been lit.」

「Alright, next, try to pour magic power to the rod's magic stone.」

「Yes!」

When Hilda poured in magic power, the fire had become big and violent.

「I-, It's very.....big!」

「T-, That's right.....」

Well then, try to make it move by your will.」

「Y-, Yes!」

Hilda began to make the flared up flame wriggled like a snake.

「I-, It's amazing!」

Somehow, she's changing the shape of the flame like playing a clay.

Although there's a legend『when you play with fire, you'll wet your bed』, is it alright?

「Try to attack an enemy with it, Hilda.

Can you do it?」

「B-, But, it will be dangerous if it spread out elsewhere.」

「Since Elena is a【Water magic】user, Elena can put it out during the what-if.」

「Leave it to me, Hilda!」

「Yes! Elena-oneechan!」

「Well, I can also with【Wind magic】.....」

「Aya,【Wind magic】will make the fire spread even more.」

「.....so!?

Hilda-chan will set it to fire,

I'll spread it out,

and Elena-chan will put it out!

It's perfect with this.」

「It's not perfect!」

I ignored Aya's remark and decided to enter the forest.

Along the way, Aya and Hilda had been making various trial and error with the combination magic of wind and fire—

the momentum's aftermath caused the fire to spread throughout various places—

Elena had been going around excitedly to put out the fire.

I'm going to pat Elena's head later.

「Oh, there's an enemy.」

「Since Hilda and I will prepare the combination magic, you lure it in, Oniichan.」

I wonder if it will be alright~.

「Understood, I'm going to lure it in.」

When I veer off to the side road alone and went to the dot where the enemy reaction was—

it was a wild boar monster.

The wild boar monster brandishes its huge tusks and attacks.

I pretend to escape and go to where everyone is.

「I've lured it in.」

「Ah, wait a little more.」

So it can't be helped, I'll hold it back.

Whack!

I lightly struck the wild boar with the back of the sword of trial.

The wild boar has fainted with one strike of the sword's back.

It's quite weak.

「Preparation OK, dodge onii-chan.」

When I quickly get away from the enemy—

a fire tornado struck the wild boar!

The fire tornado blazed fiercely whilst burning the trees in the vicinity.

The wild boar has been charred black.....

Elena is busy putting out the forest fire.

「Isn't it an overkill?」

「Tehe!」

「.....Tehe?」

Don't imitate Aya, Hilda.

Idiocy is contagious.

Since Elena is a good girl, I'm going to pat her head.

Afterwards, though it was slightly overkill, we subjugated monsters smoothly.

The defeated monsters are rats, wild boar, wolf, bear, tiger, and the like.

Since all of them seem to be monsters, it's not animal abuse, right?

Hilda had become level 12 and her【Fire magic】level 3.

Even without Aya's help, her【Fire magic】had become able to do powerful attacks, and acquired magics as follows:

- Fireball

Launch a fireball to attack.

- Firewall

Conjure a wall of fire to daunt the enemy.

- Pillar of fire

Raise a vigorous fire from underfoot the enemy to attack.

- Firebird

Conjure a bird-shaped fireball.

It can chase the enemy to some extent.

「Hilda also seems to have become a lot like a magician.」

When Aya, Elena, and I joined forces to pat Hilda's head—

Hilda has been seemingly embarrassed.

「Alright! Let's go deeper inside.」

「「「Ohh!」」」

When we advanced for a while toward the depths of the forest—

we arrived at a glade.

A grassland where trees don't grow, it has stretched out up to the level of a baseball ground.

Then, there's a fountain in the center where pure water repeatedly gushes out and continues to flow to a small stream from there.

「Beautiful!」

「The water is pure!」

「I've seen this grass somewhere.」

N? Come to think of it, by somewhere.....

I tried to use【Appraisal】and—

the grass which sprouted all over the area were all【Purple nettle】.

「These, these are all【Purple nettle】!」

Chapter 193: Vines

「Oniichan, if there's so many【purple nettle】, we're going to be very rich, right?」

Aya's pupils turned into ¥ marks.....

「We're not going to sell it.」

「Why!?!」

「I've decided to use them to level up the potioncraft skill.」

「Ah, there's that, huh.」

Why is Aya not interested in potion crafting?

Even though science experiment stuff is fascinating.....

「Alright, let's split up and collect the【purple nettles】everyone!」

「「Yes!」」「Yes yes.」

Only Aya has low spirit but—
everyone started to collect purple nettle.

「Seiji oniichan, this【purple nettle】is a little withered up, is it fine?」

Hilda brought a【purple nettle】which is a little withered up.

Or how should I put it, it's still a little embarrassing to be called『oniichan』.

When used appraisal to the withered【purple nettle】.....

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Purple nettle -2】

|A purple nettle which can be used as a talisman | Condition: Withering

| Rarity: ★★★★★

「Umu, its condition doesn't seem to be good.

It seems to be better to choose the not withered ones if possible.」

「Yes, I understand.」

However, we haven't been able to find much【purple nettle】with good condition when we looked around.....

What's to be done with it, I wonder~.

「Oniichan, why don't you try using【Magic stone of Earth】?」

「That's right! I have that!」

When I took out the【magic stone of earth】from the inventory—

Aya quickly took the【magic stone of earth】away from me.

「I'll do it!」

「Oi, if you overdo it...」

Aya, without listening to what I've said—

sandwiched the【magic stone of earth】in both of her palms and began to dance in order to pray.

「Come on, dance together with me, Hilda.」

「Y-, yes.」

In accordance with the dance of the two people, the【purple nettle】in the surroundings have become vigorous one after another.

Aya who have been caught up in the moment steadily poured her magic power.....

Before I knew it, the area has been filled with vigorous【purple nettle】.

When I used【appraisal】, there are【purple nettle +1】and【purple nettle +2】

here and there.

「Yay!!」

Aya is pleased that she took Hilda's hands in hers.

Anyone can do it if they use the【magic stone of earth】!

In the end, we were able to harvest a total of 300【purple nettle】.

The potioncraft skill will surely raise with this.

「Oniichan, only this grass is different from the others.」

「Which one?」

Wiggles.

「!?

Did it move!?!」

「N? You're stupid, oniichan~.

Plants can't move!」

「No, I'm sure it moved!」

「If you say to that extent, let's pull it out, shall we?」

「Oi, stupid, stop.」

I suddenly sensed【danger】and tried to stop Aya but.....

「Uwaaa!!」

A『Vine』suddenly emerged from the ground and undulated like a tentacle—

It twined around Aya's ankle, hanging her upside down.

「A-, Aya!」

「Oniichan, help!」

However, at the same time when Aya was being hanged upside down, a『vine』also approached Elena and Hilda.

First of all, my top priority is to protect the low-leveled Hilda.

I've quickly rushed toward Elena and Hilda and sliced off the『vine』that was trying to attack the two.

「Seiji-sama, thank you very much!」

B-, But, Aya-san!」

「Onii-chaan!」

When I turned around, Aya.....

had been swallowed up to those sack-shaped thing like pitcher plant.....

「A-, Ayaaaa!!」

「Gya! I-, It melts!!!」

Aya is struggling inside the bag.

「I'm going to save you now!!」

When I cut the stem supporting the sack with the sword of trial, the sack fell down with a thud, the pitcher plant could no longer move with a single stroke.

From within the fallen sack—

is the muddy-melted, Aya's.....

pants.....

Pants?

「Oniichan! Don't look this way!」

「Good, you're safe Aya!!」

I unconsciously hugged Aya.

「Idiot! Don't hug me!!」

Aya hit my head repeatedly—

but I didn't mind and hugged Aya.

「It's really good that you're safe.」

「I'm not safe! Let go!」

「Were you hurt somewhere!?」

When I look all over Aya's body.....

there wasn't any injury.

「Don't look, you idiot!!」

I've been hit in the face.

Although Aya had managed to recover her balance somehow, her legs had fallen into the sack—

and she seemed to have been submerged in『liquefying liquid』inside the sack up to her『navel』area.

I used【Appraisal】to the『liquefying liquid』that gushed out of the sack of the unmoving pitcher plant.

└─<Appraisal>—

|【Liquefying liquid of purple pitcher plant】

|Although it can't melt the human skin where magic power circulates, |the liquefying liquid can melt clothes and hair.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

It can melt not only clothes but『hair』, huh. It's scary.

N? Lower half from the『navel』? Hair?

The answer I've arrived at from this hint.....

「Aya, you've saved the trouble of disposing the unwanted hair.....

It's good, huh!」

「Diee!!!」

Chapter 194: Obaa-san's feelings

Aya didn't have any injury, but since her hair was gone.....

we decided to suspend our adventure and went back to japan.

Aya had Elena and Hilda washed her in the bath in various ways.

It's envious...outrageous, it's not at all.

『The way you're using your hands Elena-chan~!!』

『Well, I have to confirm that there aren't any injury all the way to the back.....』

I've heard a strange conversation from the bathroom.

Where is she going to confirm, I wonder.....

『Aya onee-chan, smooth~.』

『Hilda-chan!!』

It's surely the skin which is『smooth』.

Surely, that's gotta be it!

When Aya finished changing clothes—

She and I headed toward Mai-san's house.

It's to inform her about the matter of the previous Demon Lord.

I feel sorry about Elena and Hilda but they're going to be house-sitting again.

It'll be troublesome if we intrude in large numbers.

I stopped by the convenience store along the way and had the pictures taken by the smartphone printed.

And, went to Mai-san's house.

「Hello.」

「Yo, welcome.

You seemed to have already found my ojii-san!？」

「Yes, we found him.」

「*Thud thud thud* What kind of person is he?」

Mai-san has become unusually excited.

「Well, I have to report it to obaa-san first.」

「I-, Is that so, that's right, isn't it.」

I've been lead into living room—

and greeted by Obaa-san.

「To have gone through the trouble of going to a far-off place, thank you.」

「No, it's nothing.」

However, Mai-san's obaa-san is quite young in spite of her age.

That is if it is compared to Mai-san and her okaa-san.....

「This is the picture of that person.」

When I showed the picture—

Mai-san's obaa-san was surprised.

「He's surprisingly young.....」

「Yes, like Mai-san and her okaa-san—

he seems to be aging slowly.」

「Right.....」

Obaa-san looked sorrowful.

「He has truly grown a horn.」

Mai-san is also surprised.

「But, why is there 30 pictures?」

That's because the previous Demon Lord kept on pestering me to take his picture. orz 「Uwa, this sword is cool!」

It's the picture of the previous Demon Lord who struck a pose with his sword.

Obaa-san is also staring at the picture, she's probably feeling nostalgic about the olden days.

「Where does this person live?」

What to do.....

I can't say the truth.....

「I can't tell you where this person lives—

I can lead you there if you can promise not to divulge it to anyone.

Actually, I was told『I want to meet her by all means』by the other party.」

Obaa-san has been lost in thought.

「Obaa-san, let's go to meet him!」

「T-, That's.....」

「He's my ojii-san, right?

You should meet him by all means!」

「.....

I can't go to meet him after all.」

「Why!?!」

「Although I'm such a obaa-san—

that person is so young.

.....

I'm embarrassed to go and meet him.」

Umu, obaa-san is quite young too—

Appearance-wise, they seem to be well-matched but.....

girl's feeling is complicated.

「Obaa-san is a coward!」

Being told so by Mai-san, Obaa-san—

looked sad and hang her head down.

「Weren't you saying that you want to meet him all this time!?

And yet.....」

Even if Mai-san has said such a thing—

Obaa-san just shakes her head.

「Then, instead of you—

I'm going to meet him!」

「N!?!」

Chapter 195: Yurie hasn't come

On Saturday that week, Mai-san came over early in the morning.

I'll bring Mai-san to the other world today.

「Welcome.」

「Please take care of me today.」

After showing Mai-san in—

I looked around restlessly outside the front door.

I confirmed that there was nobody other than Mai-san and heaved a sigh of relief.

「Is something wrong, Onii-san?」

「No, I was wondering whether Yurie-san hasn't come.....」

「No way, right~. Even though I told her it's a secret, I didn't tell her what it is.」

「Right~.

Iya, I had a dream.....」

「Dream? What kind?」

「A dream where Yurie-san followed and rampaged.....」

「Haha! That's logical!」

The matter of the dream aside, I lead Mai-san to the living room.

「Captain, welcom-...what's that luggage!?!」

Mai-san is carrying a huge luggage about the same height her.

「Well, we will go to an untrodden place where oni lives, right?」

「Onii-chan, did you not give captain a full account?」

「No, because.....

will she able to believe it if I explain it to her by mouth?」

「That's also right~.」

「N?

The way you are talking, it seems to be a very terrible place.」

「Well, you're going to be quite freaked out, I think?

Please be careful not to wet yourself from fear.」

「Ahaha, I'm looking forward to it.」

「Anyway, since you don't need so much luggage, can you take only the necessary items?」

「What? Even though I've prepared excitedly.」

We decided to finally depart after Mai-san's luggage lightened.

As usual, we put on our shoes at the front door and we were going to form a circle to use【Teleportation】but.....

forming a circle at the front door was too cramped with four people so it was impossible with five as expected.

So we spread out a leisure sheet in the living room, put on our shoes and formed a circle.

「What kind of ritual is this, onii-san?」

「Well, it's a ritual for teleportation to another world.」

「Eh.」

Mai-san look at me with eyes of pity.

That look is the look which doesn't believe!

But I've said the truth!

「Well then, let's start the ritual.

This ritual is holy so please be careful.」

I said so daringly in a suspicious way.

「O-, Ou.」

Good grief, Mai-san answered properly.

Shit, just watch!

I don't care if you wet yourself, pipsqueak!!

「【Teleportation】!」

We moved to the entrance of the demonkind town using【Teleportation】.

「Ok, we've arrived.」

「.....」

Mai-san stiffened and her eyes turned into dots.

「On the other side of that gate is the town where your ojii-san is, Mai-san.」

However, Mai-san is still stiffened.

「Oi, Mai-san.

Did you hear me?」

「What on earth happened!?!」

「That's why I told you, right?

It's『Teleportation to another world』.」

「O-, Other world!?!」

「What's wrong?

Did you freak out and wet yourself?」

「Honestly, I almost wet myself.....

I thought that onii-san used some strange skill but—

I never would have thought that you are such an inhuman.....」

「C-, Cruel!」

I've been treated as an inhuman by Mai-san, when I was depressed—

Hilda cheered me up. Hilda is a nice girl~.

「Well then, let's enter the town.」

「O-, Ou」

After greeting the gate keeper—

we walked into the demonkind town.

「H-, Horn.....」

Mai-san is surprised after seeing the appearance of the town.

「It wasn't only ojii-san that grown a horn, huh.....」

「Yes, most people of this city has grown horn.」

「I see.....

Ojii-san wasn't alone.」

So Mai-san was worrying about such a thing, huh.

Did you perhaps come here forcibly because of that?

We had them bring us inside the Demon Lord castle with face pass—

and visited Bunmi-san first.

「Hello.」

「If it isn't Seiji-dono, come in.

N?

There's a person I don't recognize, who is she?」

「This is the grandchild of the previous Demon Lord.」

「C-, Come again!!?」

Chapter 196: Words don't go through

When Bunmi-san heard that Mai-san is the grandchild of the previous Demon Lord-sama and was surprised—

Mai-san tugged at my sleeves with *kui kui*.

「What is it, Mai-san?」

「Although you're talking in a language I don't understand since a little while ago, can't you interpret?」

「Opps, I forgot.」

I took out a【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】from the inventory and gave it to Mai-san.

This is not the copied『+2』but the original one.

Mai-san who received the magic stone without knowing the reason has been wrapped in the light of the magic stone.

「W-, What on earth is this!?!」

「You should now understand the language with this.」

「Is it something like a『konyakku^[1]』of a certain robotic cat?」

「Something like that.」

I ignored Mai-san who was scrutinizing the magic stone intently—
and continued my conversation with Bunmi-san.

「That's why I'd like to meet the previous Demon Lord-sama—
Where can I meet him?」

「I see, understood.」

After hearing the whereabouts of the previous Demon Lord-sama from
Bunmi-san—

we decided to head there.

The house of the previous Demon Lord-sama—

It was ominous but was a huge house with a slight Japanese feeling.

「So it's here~.

Somehow, it's an unexpectedly an ordinary house.」

「Does ojii-san lives here?」

「Yes, that's right.」

「I-, Is that so...」

When we stared at the house of the previous Demon Lord-sama—

「Uh, how may I help you?」

A young demonkind housekeeper called out to us.

It's not maid-san but housekeeper-san.

「Umm, we'd like to meet the previous Demon Lord-sama.」

「It's an official business for danna-sama, isn't it?

Since I'll inform him, may I ask your name?」

「Yes, I am Seiji.

Please inform him that『I have come regarding the matter of the human woman』.」

「I understand, please wait a moment.」

When we were waiting in front of the door for a while—

footsteps producing *dota dota* sound can be heard from inside and the previous Demon Lord-sama jumped out.

「Seiji!

Where's that human girl!?!」

The previous Demon Lord-sama looked around restlessly.

「She's not here!

You, Seiji!!」

The previous Demon Lord-sama was too excited and grabbed me by my collar.

「Previous Demon Lord-sama was too agitated, please calm down a little.」

「Oops, sorry, I lost self-control.

But, what is the meaning of this?

You didn't bring her?」

「Yes, she said she doesn't want to meet with you.」

「Why!？」

The previous Demon Lord started to become agitated again.

Is this person has such a character?

「She said that she doesn't want to show her old appearance to you.」

「I-, Is that so..... the humans.....

get old in just 40 years, huh.....」

The image of obaa-san in the previous Demon Lord-sama was surely young.....

「That's why I brought this person instead.」

「N? Who is this person?」

「This person is.....」

「That person is.....?」

「It's your grandchild!」

「N?

N!? M-, My grandchild!？」

「That's right!

It's the daughter of the child born between you and that woman.」

「No, wait a moment!

Still, only 40 years.....

That's right!

A human can already bear a child at 15 years old!!」

I left the previous Demon Lord-sama alone to put the situation in order and—
pushed Mai-san's back, letting her moved a step forward.

「Please introduce yourself.」

「O-, Ou.」

Mai-san moved one more step forward and—

「It's Kawai Mai.

Are you my ojii-san?」

「Apparently so.

I discarded my name when I became a Demon Lord—

I'm now called the『previous Demon Lord-sama』.」

「What's a Demon Lord?」

You've asked that now, Mai-san?

「What, are you not informed?

This place is the demonkind country.

And, I was the King. That's all.」

「I see.」

Did you understand now?

However, the conversation is awkward.....

「Previous Demon Lord. Are you strong?」

「I became the Demon Lord because I was the strongest in this country.

Still the strongest even now.

Other than that, why don't you call me, jii-sama?」

「I'll call you that if you can win against me.」

「What did you say!?!」

Oi oi, are you going to talk with fists!?

Within a moment, the two people's killing energy swelled out.

Why did it become like this!?

「Oi, grandchild.

How old are you?」

「19.」

「19!?

Did you grow quickly because of the human blood!?!」

「This is the first time in my life that someone told me that I grew quickly.」

That's right.

「Onii-chan, step back.」

「Aya. But, but.....」

「Don't worry!」

When we stepped back a little—

The previous Demon Lord and Mai-san both took a stance.

「Previous Demon Lord-sama, please don't act too rashly.」

「Naturally.

I won't take a 19-year-old baby seriously.」

「I'm already an adult!!」

The shout of Mai-san became the signal of the fight's start—
the two people clashed with each other.

Chapter 197: Mai and magic

Mai-san and the previous Demon Lord—

talked using fists, unfolding strong offense and defense.

「As one would expect of captain, those are frightful offense and defense.」

Aya continually admires the movements of Mai-san.

However, Mai-san has gradually become the one in defensive.

「Huh?

Captain has gradually come in a pinch.」

The previous Demon Lord has probably begun to use【Body reinforcement magic】.

Although Mai-san resists somehow or another, her situation gradually getting worse and worse.

「Shit!」

Mai-san, a girl mustn't say『shit』!

In order to overturn the pinch, Mai-san who became irritated—

let out her『trump card』!

「【Exploding fist】!!」

The previous Demon Lord was surprised at the flame that suddenly went toward his face—

he leaned his body backward, managing to dodge the flame.

「There's an opening!!」

Taking advantage of the opening, Mai-san let out an『axe kick』toward the previous Demon Lord's face!

「Very good, enough!」

The previous Demon Lord blocked the axe kick—
took just enough distance and released his stance.

It seems the talking using fists is over.

「However, fire magic is rare!

As expected of my grandchild!」

Mai-san is praised for her【Exploding fist】and her mouth breaks into a smile.

「However...

why did you not use【Body reinforcement magic】?」

「What is it? That【Body reinforcement magic】!?!」

「You mean, you don't know what【body reinforcement magic】is!?!」

「Un.」

「I say, Mai.

I know that you are strong in your own way.

However, you'll become stronger if you use【body reinforcement magic】.」

「Really!?!」

「Yeah, did you not learn【body reinforcement magic】properly?」

「Since there wasn't anyone who could use magic around me.....」

「I see, you grew up in a human country. No wonder.....

How about this? Would you like me to train you for a while?」

「Er, well. No.

I can't stay here for a long time.....」

「I see.」

「I'll come again once I can use【Body reinforcement magic】and becomes stronger.」

「Umu, I'm waiting.」

Mai-san and the previous Demon Lord shook hands tightly.

Rather than grandfather and granddaughter—
this is something like sports.

When we left the house of the previous Demon Lord—
we came into a tea shop and have a little rest.

「Captain's fight was amazing~.」

「Yea...」

Mai-san is somehow a little down.

I wonder what's wrong?

At such a time like this, she is not going to cheer up even if she sees a beautiful demonkind onee-san's horn!

「Captain, what's wrong?」

What!

A teardrop from Mai-san's eyes.....

「Mai-san, what happened?」

「.....

frustrating.....」

「What is frustrating?

You've won against the previous Demon Lord...your ojii-san!」

「He was holding back.....」

She noticed, huh.....

After a while.....

When Mai-san raised her face with *ku*—

「I have a favor to ask, onii-san.」

「What is it?」

「I want to become stronger.

So that ojii-san won't hold back.....

No, so that I can win!」

「O-, Oh.」

「Please teach me『magic』!」

「N!?

No, but.....」

「Please!

I'll do anything you want!!」

Huh? Seriously!?

「Oniichan!」

「N? Yes, what is it?」

「That bit under your nose is getting longer!」

I continued to talk while covering the lower area of my nose with my hand.

「I have to ask everyone's opinion.....

hey, what do you think everyone?」

「I will follow Seiji-sama's decision.」

「I will also follow Seiji-onii-san.」

Elena and Hilda are like this.

「I approved~.

The adventure seems to be fun if it's with captain.」

It will roughly be decided by my opinion in the end.....

The current main members are—

Elena and Hilda as rear guard and Aya and me as the vanguard.

There's going to be three vanguards once Mai-san joins, huh.

Is it fine, I wonder.

But, the problem is.....

「I have one concern, Mai-san.」

「What is it?」

「That's.....

It's about Yurie-san.」

「Yurie-kun?

Isn't this unrelated to Yurie-kun?」

「Well, in order to learn magic—

you need to act together with us on Sundays and Saturdays every week.

Then, Yurie-san will become like the odd one out.....」

「I see.....

that seems to be troublesome.」

「You should bring Yurie-san along too~.」

「Aya, that's still.....」

「What's wrong with it?」

「Absolutely nothing—

Let her lick the horn of the beautiful demonkind onee-san!

That's what you're proposing, right?」

「Although it's Yurie-san, there's no guarantee that she'll do that, right?」

No, I know it!

I'm sure it will be so!!

Chapter 198: 50 Executions

We went to Bunmi-san's place.

We informed him that we were able to meet the previous Demon Lord—and we have several questions to ask of him.

「I see, you were acknowledged by the previous Demon Lord-sama, huh—that was amazing!」

In spite that it's Mai who is being praised—
Aya has a triumphant look for some reason.

「Because of that, the previous Demon Lord said that she will become stronger if she acquired the【body reinforcement magic】.....」

「N?

She can't use【Body reinforcement magic】?」

「Can every demonkind use the【body reinforcement magic】?」

「Yeah.~

The ones who join the Demon Lord's army are supposed to acquire【body reinforcement magic】after the the basic physical training.

The ones who can't learn it are inept; they are nonexistent.」

「Huh?

You can use that magic even without visiting the mana crystal?」

「Unlike humans, demonkind are born with innate magic power.

Thus, we can acquire magic without visiting the mana crystal.

Well, the acquisition seems to be faster when one visits a temple but.....

since there's almost no demonkind who have gone to the humans' town—

I can't say for sure.」

「Even the mixed-blood of human and demonkind are like so?」

「Oh, that's right.」

It's like that after all.....

It's the reason why Mai-san can suddenly use the【exploding fist】, huh.

「But I can't say for sure since there isn't that much mixed-blood with humans.」

Well, it seems to be so since they haven't had that much interaction with the humans.

「Afterward.....

It's hard for me to say since the person herself is in front but.....

it's because a mixed-blood child with humans dies prematurely.」

「N!?!」

「There were only several people in the olden days, they all died successively at the youth of around 120 years old.」

120 years old.....

it seems to be a short life from the perspective of the demonkind.....

They can probably live up to 200 years old when combined with Japan's medicine.

「Can I also ask a question?」

「Yeah, what is it?」

「Am I going to grow a horn as well?」

I didn't realize this.

It's a matter of life and death for Mai-san and her okaa-san.

「The horn of demonkind—

will grow at around 30 years old if it's a man and at around 40 years old if it's a woman.

A mixed-blood with human, unfortunately.....

there isn't anyone who grow a horn.」

「Is that so!?!」

Bunmi-san said it regretfully—

while Mai-san seemed to be relieved.

It will become a serious matter if Mai-san grows a horn.....

in particular with Yurie around!

「While we're at it, can I ask another question?」

「Sure, ask me anything.」

Without asking a question, I—

casually concentrated magic power in my hand.

Then—

with a *fu*, Bunmi-san also noticed my hand.

「As I've thought.....

you can sense magic power, Bunmi-san?」

「N? You didn't know?

Every demonkind can sense magic power innately.

A mixed-blood with human should also sense it as well.」

「It's like that after all.

Can Mai-san sense it as well?」

「Yeah, I can sense it.....

that's right, okaa-san and I called it『ki』.....

so what I've been sensing was『magic power』, huh.」

That's why【Appraisal】against the demonkind can't be done carelessly.

「Well, Mai-dono.

would you like to fight against my troops for a moment?」

「N? Is it fine!?」

Why are you fighting against soldiers?

Then, Mai-san.

Isn't「Is it fine?」also a strange thing to say?

I don't understand the sense of the demonkind well.

「This lady is Mai-dono.

She's the grandchild of the previous Demon Lord-sama!」

「「Oh!」」

About 50 demonkind soldiers lined up in front of Bunmi-san. Mai-san has been introduced, creating a stir.

「Today is special because we're going to have a bout.」

「「Ooo!」」

A louder commotion than a little while ago breaks out.

After all, these people are combat race~.

Being called out by Bunmi-san, a young soldier took a step forward.

He looked about 12 - 13 years old, the same age as Hilda.

Even though I said that, it only seems so in human's standard but—in truth, he's probably be around 50 years old.

When I stand along with Mai-san, it feels exactly like『younger sister and older brother』.

Mai-san and the young soldier bowed to each other and took a stance.

「Start!」

Along with Bunmi-san's command, the young soldier attacks Mai-san.

However, the young soldier's attack didn't hit at all—

the young soldier collapsed at Mai-san's blow.

「L-, Lost.」

「「Oo!!」」

A strength which doesn't match her small body, the soldiers are so excited.

After that.....

With her small body, Mai-san.....

keep the excited men occupied alternately—

finally, she has achieved 50 executions (no one has been chopped off though).

Other than the first person, everyone is a user of【body reinforcement magic】but.....

they have been overwhelmed by speed and techniques.

With this, on the day when she also acquired【magic】properly—

I wonder what on earth will happen.....

Chapter 199: Doing it myself

After Mai-san finished keeping the 50 people company with her small body—we came outside of the town.

「This is the final confirmation but.....

I will let Mai-san to join in on our adventure.

If there's anyone who has objection, raise your hands.」

「Then, it has been approved!」

「I look forward to working with you, Mai-san.」

「Mai-san, best regards.」

「Please treat me well!」

Without objection—

Mai-san formally became our companion.

「Since you've become our companion.....

let's defeat a monster right away.」

「Monster!? There are monsters?」

Mai-san strength is much more monster-like.

「Well, it's fine since it's not so strong.」

「O-, Ou.」

I led everyone to the location where there's a reaction of a goblin nearby.

「That's a monster!?」

「Yes, a goblin.」

A goblin acting alone was there.

「We're going to kill that?」

「Yeah, since it's known as『G』-like being/existence in Japan, you can kill it without hesitation.」

「Understood.」

As if starting a karate match, Mai-san—
went closer to the goblin.

Ghee

Noticing Mai-san, the goblin—
attacks peremptorily.

「Uwa, it suddenly attacked.」

「That's right, since it's a monster.」

「Besides, this..... stinks!」

「It's such a fellow, alright.」

The smell of the goblins is tough on the people who isn't used to it.

Mai-san and I were having conversation whilst avoiding the goblin's attacks with *hira hira*.

When we dodged for a while—

the goblin has been out of breath, its movement had become slow.

「Umu, it's really weak, huh.」

The goblin has been killed by a single punch of Mai-san.

Since a goblin isn't suitable to become her opponent—

this time, I led her to the place where there's a reaction of a wild boar monster which seemed to be a little stronger.

Bumou!!

The wild boar monster suddenly approached charging but—

Mai-san and I dodged it without difficulty.

「This is also a monster?」

「Yes, that's right.」

「Umu, unlike animals which can be seen at the zoo, they have『magic power』 like the goblin of a little while ago.

such is a monster, huh.....」

Eh, monsters has magic power unlike animals, huh.....

I didn't know.

The wild boar has also been killed with a single blow of Mai-san.

Umu, it's useless unless it's a stronger fellow, huh.

We went to the place where there are three orcs.

Bumou!!

As soon as they saw Mai-san, the orcs' eyes turned bloodshot and attacked.

Did they by any chance have a liking to a loli?

「It smells like a squid!!」

Whilst holding her nose, Mai-san—

dodged the bloodshot orcs' attacks.

The orcs flew into a rage and incessantly attacked Mai-san.....

one of them had received a counter kick in the face —

immediately tumbling down with *hena hena* whilst drool sprayed out of its mouth.

「It's already finished, huh. It's pathetic.」

Before I knew it, the remaining two were lying down on the ground while twitching with *bikun bikun*.

It seemed their vital spots have been attacked by Mai-san's quick movements and died.

At the place wrapped in squid smell, only Mai-san stood imposingly.....

「Umu, this level isn't suitable to become Mai-san's opponent, huh.....

There isn't anymore stronger monster around here~.」

When I check the reaction of monsters on the map in various ways—
I've found a reaction that seemed to be interesting.

This time, we went to the place where there are huge number of monster bees.

It's previous monster that has appeared in『flower garden』of『tower of sunrise』.

「There's quite a number this time, huh.」

「If there's only a few of this, it will not be a training for Mai-san, right?」

「You're right.」

Mai-san plunged into the swarm of bees without hesitation.

「Oryaaa!」

Mai-san made a rotating motion skillfully as to not let the bees take her

back—

she killed them one by one whilst adopting a counter towards the bees which were preparing to attack.

「Keep at it, captain.」

Aya optimistically cheered.

「Aa!」

「What is it, Aya?」

When I look over due to Aya raising a voice, the bees were coming towards here.

「It can't be helped, huh~.」

I slew the bees that were coming towards here with the sword of trial.

Although Mai-san is good at close combat—

she doesn't have any means of attack towards the enemies that run away. Well, it can't be helped.

The battle of Mai-san and the bee army corps continued for a while but.....

the number of the bees didn't reduce at all.

That's because the bees' reinforcement also come one after another.

She kept fighting for several hours when finally, the bees were wiped out.....

Mai-san seemed to be worn out considerably.

Around Mai-san, the defeated bees laid down in large quantity like a carpet.

Hilda started the dismantling diligently.

「Thank you for the good work, Mai-san. Are you alright?」

「It was hard as expected.」

「I'll heal you.」

「Thank you.」

Elena began to cast recovery magic toward the tired Mai-san.

「This is!? Such a.....

ticklish feeling.....」

Meanwhile, I'll help Hilda.

It's impossible for me to dismantle but—

I put them away into the inventory for now.

When I almost finished cleaning up and looked at Mai-san who was having recovery magic cast on her—

Mai-san started to wriggle for some reason.

「Elena-kun, wait a moment!」

「What happened, Mai-san?」

I wonder what happened?

Mai-san is panting and her face has gone bright red.

「I'll do it myself later.」

Doing it yourself? You're going to do what?

Mai-san closed her eyes and started meditating.....

she seemed to be using some kind of magic.

「Fuu, it's something wonderful when I tried to do it.」

「What did you do just now, Mai-san?」

「It's a magic that restores physical strength.」

「N!? When did you acquire such magic?」

「Just now!」

When I used【appraisal】after asking her permission.....

Mai-san leveled up to 20—
and also acquired【strength recovery rate reinforcement】magic.

└─<Status>─

| Name: Kawai Mai

| Race: Quarter demonkind

| Occupation: Karate practitioner |

| Level: 20

| HP: 3, 065

| MP: 1, 771

| Power: 267 Endurance: 262

| Ability: 216 Magic power: 177

| Skills

| Fire 3

| Body reinforcement 3

| └─ Strength recovery rate reinforcement | └─ Power reinforcement

| Magic power perception 3

|

| Body techniques 5, Staff techniques 5

| Sword art 3, Short blades techniques 4